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## AT NANKING.

### CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S DIFFICULTIES. NEW COMMANDERS.

#### A Lull In The North Kiangsu War Area.

#### MR. SOONG ATTEMPTING TO RAISE WAR LOAN AT SHANGHAI.

Difficulties are again confronting the Nationalist Government at Nanking, where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is still trying to make possible the sitting of the fourth plenary session.

Meanwhile Chiang Kai-shek continues to appoint commanders of new army corps and to shuffle other commands about. The object, it is presumed, is to strengthen the position at headquarters of the commander-in-chief.

#### FUNDS WANTED.

According to news from Chinese sources, Mr. T. V. Soong is still trying to obtain a loan or other temporary revenue at Shanghai as the needs of the Army are urgent.

Overnight cables state that the war area near Hsuehchowfu and the Grand Canal in north Kiangsu is quiet, the Nationalist forces under Chiang Kai-shek's supporters having assembled a number of engines on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway without showing any disposition to move further north to join the Kuomintang against Peking.

#### Troop Movements.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A number of troop movements are reported in the Hunan-Hunan area. The 44th Wu-Han Army, it is reported, has joined the 8th Hunan Army which is now retreating from Changsha toward Heungchowfu.

At Changsha the 35th. and 36th. Hunan Armies are resting, and have been joined by the 19th Wu-Han Army.

Martial law is still in force at Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

#### Military Conference.

Peking, Yesterday. It is generally believed that the conference of military officials are finding difficulties in connection with the Presidential question, and it has been decided to shelve it till Feng Yu-hsiang has been eliminated.

Efforts to persuade Chang Tsung-chang to accept the Inspector-Generalship of Chihli and Shantung leaving Sun Chuanfang in control of Shantung have also evidently failed. Hence the only apparent result of the conference was its decision to attack Feng Yu-hsiang.—Reuter.

#### Customs Control.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist Finance Minister, in a statement given to Reuter says:—"As the Nationalist Government controls 16 out of the 21 provinces of China, producing nearly 70 per cent. of the Customs Revenue and as the authorities in control in Peking no longer represent the legal successor of former recognised government, the Nationalist Government clearly cannot recognise the right of any other authorities independently to exercise control of the Customs Administration or to appoint an agent to exercise such control."

It is understood that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has abandoned all hope of holding the Fourth Plenary Conference at Nanking.—Reuter.

#### HANKOW FINANCE.

#### Extreme Distress in Hupeh.

Hankow, Jan. 16. Probably owing to insufficiency of control over the troops stationed in various localities and to other causes, the Hupeh Provincial Government, which had a monthly revenue of seven to eight million dollars in normal times, is at present obtaining only \$3,000,000 from the Hankow district.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce here has no more financial reserve, as it has already been forced by General Cheng Chien's Army to make a loan of \$8,000,000.

#### People in Distress.

Owing to the unfavourable re-

## EMPIRE EGGS.

### Supplying the Home Breakfast.

#### VOLUNTARY PREFERENCE.

Russia Has Fallen Off As Producer.

London, Yesterday. Some interesting particulars are contained in a report made by the Imperial Economic Committee on the subject of eggs and poultry.

It is stated that while this country produces nearly half of the eggs which it consumes, it spent in the year 1925 no less than £19,000,000 on imported eggs and £2,250,000 on imported poultry from the Empire and foreign sources. This country requires annually somewhere about 5,700,000,000 eggs.

Out of every thousand eggs which it consumed in 1925, 433 were produced at home, 95 came from the Irish Free State, five each from Canada and South Africa, and three from Australia. There were 460 of foreign origin distributed chiefly as follows: from China 138, Denmark 121, Russia 47, Netherlands 35, Egypt and Poland 22 each, Belgium 21, Italy 11, Latvia and Lithuania 27, and Argentina 10.

It is evident, therefore, states the report, that there is room for voluntary preference on the part of home consumers in favour of Empire eggs. The report adds that whereas just before the war Russia supplied 50 per cent. of imports of eggs and Denmark 20 per cent. now Russia, Latvia and Lithuania send only a small proportion, whilst Denmark, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, and China have substantially increased their share and, taken together, represent 80 per cent. of the trade from foreign sources.

The displacement of Russia by Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium involves more than the substitution of one source of supply for another. Eggs coming from these three countries are generally of superior quality, grading and packing to those who were received from Russia in pre-war days and command prices in London comparable with those of English eggs. Further, the introduction of marketing and export regulations in the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, South Africa and Australia in the last three years has caused a marked improvement in eggs received from these sources.—British Wireless Service.

## PASTURE LANDS.

### IMPERIAL ASSOCIATION FORMING.

LORD BLEDSLOE AS CHAIRMAN.

London, Yesterday. It is officially announced that Lord Bledisloe, who is on his way home from South America, is resigning his post as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture in order to take up the chairmanship of the Imperial Grassland Association, which is being formed under the auspices of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, with the object of improving the pasture lands of the Empire.—Reuter.

## FLYING BOATS.

### THE FIRST ROUND-INDIA FLIGHT.

9,000 MILES COVERED.

Calcutta, Yesterday. The R.A.F. flying boats have alighted on the Hooghly. They have covered 9,000 of the 23,000 miles programme without a mishap. It is the first round-India flight, which opens up possibilities of other Empire air routes.

The flight touched, inter alia, Karachi, Bombay, Mangalore, Cochin, Colombo, Trincomalee, Ceylon, Calcutta, and Madras.—Reuter.

## HELENA MAY LECTURE.

There will be a public lecture at the Helena May on Monday, February 6, at 5.30 p.m. Subject "Evolution of the Intelligence" by Dr. J. L. Shellehear.

## BITTEN BY MONGREL.

A Chinese male, Lai Po-ngau, aged 43, residing at 87 Albany Street, was bitten on the leg by a mongrel dog owned by Chan Ni-po residing at 3 Old Bailey Street. The dog has been sent to Kennedy Town for examination.

## PAPER MONEY.

### Bottom Out of Canton Market.

#### GOVT. DECISION.

Efforts to Raise Loan Not Proving Successful.

Highly unfavourable impressions have been caused by the Canton Government's decision to accept not more than twenty per cent. of its own banknotes in payment of taxes, and paper money was refused widely in Canton yesterday.

Several rumours are current as to remedies which the Canton Government may possibly adopt but the bottom has been knocked out of the market. Merchants estimate that the issue of the Central Bank of China, Canton, under the auspices of the Nationalist authorities, amount to "several tens" of millions of dollars. No official buying quotations are available either in Hong Kong or Canton but it is thought that the notes are still worth from 10 to 15 per cent. of their face value (in silver).

#### Loan Efforts.

Negotiations by the Canton authorities to raise a loan, either from the public, or from outside sources, have not been very successful. There is talk of \$5,000,000 loan, with Hong Kong fin-

## WEATHER FORECAST.

East wind, moderate, is the official weather forecast until noon-to-morrow.

anciers as interested parties, but nothing tangible has been done. Another plan rumoured is that the Government will issue its own notes, to be accepted at par in payment of revenue.

All methods, however, are calculated to give temporary relief but not cure, and all are based on pledging the receipts of the Washington Customs Surtaxes.

#### Money From Bankers.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. Canton banknotes are almost worthless here now and all revenue offices of the Government insist on silver coin.

On China New Year Eve, the local military authorities obtained \$15,000 in silver and \$30,000 in notes from the Bankers' Guild for payment to the troops. A quantity of notes was deposited with the Kongmoon Chamber of Commerce for loan at half the face value. A subsequent transaction was arranged according to the rate of exchange (for Canton notes) in Hong Kong.

#### How Trade Suffers.

Bad business has prevented about three-tenths of the Kongmoon shops from re-opening after the holidays and about two-tenths have been hard hit by the bank-note bubble having burst.

Rice mills at Kongmoon, which have closed down to avoid friction with employees, are still idle although the local authorities have sealed up the men's guild. Only a few are working.—Our Own Correspondent.

## THE RED SCARE.

### Vigilance Maintained Last Night.

Conditions akin to martial law prevailed in Canton city last night even though the authorities have acted with dispatch in regard to the new series of Communist plots.

Vigilance was maintained at a high pitch yesterday as the Police had word that Red plotters had induced dissatisfied labour elements to be ready for another rising.

Later information about anti-Red activity just before New Year is that a body of 600 Communists had hidden in the city with the sole object of incendiarism, the reward for each fire being \$300; that altogether ninety arrests were made (forty having been previously reported as captured and summarily executed); and that Government forces fought a skirmish with a Peasants' Corps detachment for about an hour on New Year's Eve, in the environs of the city.

#### Martial Law at Kongmoon.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. Martial law was maintained at Kongmoon even during daylight on the first three days of the New Year.

## WAR PREVENTION.

### Duty Of League Council.

#### GERMAN MEMORANDUM.

Building A House From Roof Downward.

Berlin, Yesterday. The German Government in a memorandum to the League Security Committee, which is at present meeting at Prague, expresses the opinion that the Committee's work should be practical and not theoretical. It urges the Committee to propose measures for the speedy and effective intervention of the League Council, whose duty is to prevent armed conflict.

It is of opinion that the effectiveness of all securities would be greatly strengthened if general disarmament were finally reached. The creation of allied groups within the League with the object of protection against other League members might easily lead to a breach and hinder joint action in times of crisis. The problem must be dealt with radically. If occasions of war and the question of military sanctions are the basis of the Committee's work it would be like trying to build a house from the roof downward.—Reuter.

## SOVIET OIL.

### ORDER BY U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.

#### NO OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

Washington, Yesterday. A report that the United States Shipping Board has ordered 24,000 tons of oil, presumably Russian, from the Standard Oil Company of New York to be delivered at New Eastern ports, has led the Government to deny that it thereby tacitly approved of trade relations between the company and the Soviet. It is officially stated that the Government is now in no way involved in the transaction as the ordering of oil is a matter of routine which is carried out by the Shipping Board and in making contracts the source of the oil is not specified.—Reuter's American Service.

## APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are announced in to-day's "Gazette":—Second-Lieutenant Robert Spiers Logan to the rank of Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from January 20, 1928.

Lieutenant Thomas Addis Martin, to be Captain, H.K.V.D.C.  
Second Lieutenant Charles Peake Anderson, M.C., to be Lieutenant, H.K.V.D.C.

Year because trouble was anticipated.

Police, soldiers and the volunteer militia combined in rigorous searches of labour unions and abodes of suspected characters.

At night craft were prohibited from passing along the channel from Pakkai (the port) to Kongmoon (the city). A steam launch had several volleys fired at her for failing to answer the military guards but nobody was struck.—Our own correspondent.

## WAR NEWS.

### Canton Govt. Troops Control Situation.

With the exception of a rumour in Hong Kong business circles yesterday that Swatow was uneasy over the outcome of the fighting in the hinterland, news of the Canton Government's campaign against the Ironsides continues to be favourable.

The total casualties suffered by both sides runs into thousands. It is definitely established that the Ironsides were routed and that the Canton Government forces are masters of the situation between the East and Han River basins.

#### Kongmoon Garrison.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. The present garrison here consists of troops under General Li Chai-sum, belonging to the unit known as the Kwangtung Defence Corps, with headquarters at Kongmoon.

Red Cross units have been sending coffins towards Lai Ngok so that it is thought that some fighting has broken out there.—Our own correspondent.

## A BAD START.

### TRADE DEPRESSION AT CANTON.

#### TWO MAIN REASONS.

#### Labour Tyranny and Financial Crisis Blamed.

#### GOVERNMENT AT FAULT IN REGARD TO UNION EXCESSES.

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Labour union tyranny and the financial crisis brought about by the banknote trouble are blamed jointly by an eminent Chinese writer for having been the principal contributory causes of the abnormally depressing conditions, under which trade in Canton starts for another year.

Curiosity is aroused as to which cause has been the more potent. Both largely concern the present Provincial Government. For the setback due to unwarranted labour excesses, the administration is at fault for having encouraged the unions too far. For the collapse of the banknotes the Government cannot be held directly to blame.

## THE BANKNOTE ISSUE.

Since its recent return to power, General Li Chai-sum's Government has dealt with labour with a strong hand. It is to be hoped that in its endeavour to co-operate with the merchants, the administration will not put labour in the position of an aggrieved party but will settle on a policy fair to both sides.

Comment on the banknote crisis is difficult because so many vital features are either unknown or in dispute. The paper money is issued by the Central Bank of China which is maintained by the Government. For months the notes were at par. The first scare came on April 15 last when the authorities struck hard at the Communists but confidence was immediately restored because the coup was successful.

Panic set in during August when Chiang Kai-shek resigned his post of commander-in-chief of all the Nationalist forces.

The Canton Government asked the bankers, merchants and shopkeepers for a loan of \$10,000,000 to be used specifically for maintaining the note issue. In some cases, 44 per cent. of the registered capital had to be paid to the loan. This drain on resources proved very serious to many.

However, the notes remain at par until Nov. 17 when the Ironsides overthrew General Li Chai-sum's Government. Notes were then discounted. On Dec. 1, the Communists broke out in Canton but it was subsequently announced that the Central Bank's strong-rooms had remained intact.

Before the end of December, General Li Chai-sum's Government had been restored.

Some time between Nov. 17 and now, the silver reserve in the Bank has been tampered with.

All kinds of allegations have been made against various factions but it has not been proved who is responsible. Notes were still accepted by the Government until this Thursday when it was decided that payments of revenue must be in silver as to 80 per cent. and the balance in paper. The proverbial last straw has practically broken the camel's back. The outlook is very pessimistic.

Causes Other Than Communism. In normal circumstances, the Government's change of front towards labour would have bred an optimistic tone, especially as the political and military outlook is not unfavourable. A short respite of labour's position in Canton's maelstrom is, therefore, not out of place.

Justice is not done by accusing Communist influence as being the root of labour troubles. As Mr. George E. Sokolsky says:—"There is, of course, the obvious explanation of Bolshevik propaganda; but it is too easy. The public's attitude towards the workers is perhaps an indirect cause of discontent."

#### Labour Statistics.

The power of Red influence is discounted by Mr. Edward H. Lockwood in July, 1927, in words as follows:—"It is believed generally that the General Federation of Labour, headed by the

Machinists' Union which is the strongest single union in Canton, stands strongly against Communism.

Mr. Lockwood also draws attention to a very interesting fact, which is:—"Of 180 different unions, which have a membership of 290,620 persons employed in industries or trades which have a total number of 485,263 workers, only 18,606 are able to read newspapers, and 77,832 are members of the Nationalist Party."

#### Kuomintang to Blame.

A little over a year ago, when armed conflicts were taking place in Canton over labour disputes, the authorities appointed a commission to investigate. Inter alia, the commission reported:—

The admission of labour into the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) without a definite idea as to what its place in the Party would be is one of the chief causes of labour trouble in Canton. . . . The Kuomintang has been relying on numbers only in the unions and many members have used the influence of the Party for selfish purposes.

It will thus be seen that the Kuomintang, through its voice in the Government, was essentially at fault. But there were other causes of dissatisfaction, not all of which have been removed.

#### High Cost of Living.

Said the "Chinese Economic Bulletin":—"The cost of labour in Kwangtung has been very high during recent years.

Costs of living in Canton have risen considerably during the last few years and more so than, say, in Shanghai. Taking the 1913 figures as par (100), the following statistics make interesting reading, being the index of wholesale prices of "all commodities."

	Canton	Shanghai.
1913	100.0	100.0
1923 (year)	153.1	147.4
1925 (Jan.)	163.3	148.7
1926 (Jan.)	170.3	141.8
1926 (Dec.)	173.6	152.5

#### Regulations of the Past.

Typical of the regulations passed in Canton when the Kuomintang pandered to labour were the following:—

A firm or factory suspending business or operations shall notify its employees one month in advance and pay a month's extra wages, but any firm or factory closing without good reason shall pay two months' extra wages.

Employees returning to work after a strike shall be entitled to wages during the period of the strike reckoned according to the increased scale. . . .

First Signs of Moderation. First signs of moderation in the official attitude of sympathy for labour were evident in the following extract of what individual workers and unions were expected not to do:—

Exercise power of arrest of merchants or deprive persons of personal liberty.  
Appropriate goods for own use.

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## COTTON INDUSTRY.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN  
THE CRISIS.

London, Yesterday.

The Cotton Yarn Association is attempting to end the "unrestrained competition" in the American Cotton section of the spinning trade. The President of the Association states that the production at present is 70 per cent. of the capacity but with the cotton basis up raw materials are falling and margins are back at almost the lowest point touched in December.

The Directors of the Association have circulated non-members, and are proposing a scheme for co-operation without membership of non-members to be known as "associates." They will join as full members for six months at the end of which they may resign or become permanent members. No price regulations nor grading of yarns shall be instituted during the six months. Associates are to supply returns including weekly productions and daily sales records. Associates are also to appoint a committee to co-operate with directors who will advise the Board on the curtailment of production.

The whole scheme depends on obtaining a majority of 75 per cent. of non-members by January 31.

Coincident with the above, Mr. Gerard Dewhurst, Chairman of the Williams and Deacons Bank, expressed the view at the annual meeting that financial reorganisation of the cotton industry must be undertaken by drastic writing down of unproductive capital, the cutting down of dead assets, and the closing down of the weakest mills. The co-operation of the banks in this will be forthcoming but the banks are incompetent to initiate or enforce re-organisation.

Reuter.

## SHANGHAI MARKET.

HOPE FOR IMPROVED  
TRADE.

Shanghai, Jan. 21.

Chinese dealers have hardly discussed business during the week being too fully occupied with the usual settlements inseparable from Chinese New Year. Clearances of piece goods have been very small but there has been some trade inquiry for shipment immediately after the New Year and a few second-hand sales have been reported to Yangtze and Szechuen merchants.

Dealers on the whole remain hopeful for improved trade on the re-opening of the market, and as far as can be learned most dealers have been able to close their annual accounts satisfactorily.

The Chinese Cotton Goods Exchange Ltd. closed down on January 17, when rates both for Cotton and Yarn were slightly lower than the closing quotations of the previous week. Dealers have not been interested in business during the last few days having devoted most of their time to adjustments of settlements and accounts.

American Cotton has been rather easier. Clearances, as usual at this time of the year, have been poor, and it will be some days after the annual holidays before business will be resumed on normal conditions.

Dealers in this section of the market also express the belief that, provided no disturbing factors arise, trade should show improvement on the resumption of business.

There is nothing of interest to report in the silk market, the Chinese dealers have not been keen sellers, and little or no business has been possible.

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LOOK POONG SHAN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1927.

## LOCAL SHARES.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT  
RISING PRICES.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's

weekly share report states on January 27:-

The past week was reduced to only two full business days, Monday and Tuesday having been holidays, nevertheless a considerable amount of business was transacted at rising prices, and the market closed with a good demand all round.

Shanghai market is quiet. The following are the principal alterations since last week:-

Banks: Continued firm throughout the week and came to business at \$1.20; they close with buyers at this price.

Unions: Changed hands at \$301/2, and close with buyers over.

Canton Insurances: Are firm with buyers at quotations.

Hong Kong Fires: Are quiet at quotations.

Steamboats: Have firmed up a little and now have buyers at \$25 1/2, at which price some business was done.

Hong Kong Tugs: Were in good demand and were done as high as \$3; they close with buyers and sales at \$2.60.

Waterboats: Are again wanted and would find ready buyers at \$18, but rather more would have to be paid to obtain shares.

Star Ferries: Recovered from their slight set back last week and sales took place at \$63/6 1/2.

Hong Kong Lands: Met with a good demand and were the medium of business at \$84, while \$64 1/2 would now be paid for further business.

Hong Kong Hotels: Came in for a strong demand and a considerable number of shares changed hands at \$8 1/2, they close firm with buyers offering \$8.65, but sellers are unwilling to let go unless at a slight advance on this price.

Humphreys Estates: Continued very firm and were taken off the market at \$15, while this price would still be paid for further business.

Realities: Were in great request throughout the week and business was done at \$8 1/2/8.60.

Hong Kong Trams: Were largely dealt in at \$25/25.10 and are still in demand at \$25.10.

China Lights: Firmed up and many of the combined shares changed hands at \$15.

China Providents: Again came in for a smart rise and were largely dealt in at prices ranging from \$5 to \$6; they close with buyers at \$6.10.

Cements: A brisk demand caused prices to jump to \$12, for the combined shares and some business was recorded at this price.

Dairy Farm: Continued firm with buyers but no sellers at \$18.

Wharves: Are quiet at quotations.

Docks: Continued on the upward grade and shares changed hands at \$42, while as much as \$42 1/2 is now being offered for further business.

Electric: Again met with a strong demand and a large business was done in this stock at prices rising from \$68/70; at the close the market was slightly easier with a few sellers at the latter price.

London Quotations of January 25:- Banks \$129 10/4; Indos deferred \$4.12 1/2; Shells \$4.39, all middle prices.

Exchange: The demand selling rate on London is 2/3 1/2; and the T. T. on Shanghai is 1/2 1/2.

## STRIKE OR LOCKOUT?

162,000,000 WORKING DAYS  
LOST IN 1926.

Sir A. Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour, answering Sir Victor Warrender in Parliament, said that the number of working days lost through industrial disputes was 162,000,000 in 1926, as against 8,000,000 in 1925, and rather more than 1,000,000 during the period January to October 1927.

Mr. Will Thorne asked if the Minister was not aware that the major part of the days lost during 1926 was due to the coal mining lock-out.

The Minister: I am advised that in the opinion of others, including apparently some on that side, it was due to a miners' strike (Labour protests).

Mr. Clynes asked if there were definitions of "strike" and "lock-out," and the Minister said he would make inquiries on the point.

## BANK RATE.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET  
SPECULATION.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond has increased the discount rate to four per cent.

In New York speculation for an advance has been vigorously resumed on the Stock Market partly due to a report that the Treasury officials do not anticipate an immediate increase in the bank rate in New York. Reuter's American Service.

## CHEMICAL CARTEL.

Washington, Jan. 7.

British dyestuffs interests will join with those of France and Germany in a proposed chemical cartel for the allocation of world markets between the three countries, it is reported in Europe, according to a cable to the Department of Commerce from Acting Commercial Attache R. C. Miller at Paris.

Signing of an agreement between the French and German companies was reported from Frankfurt a few days ago, and it is stated, awaits only British Government sanction before being made formally effective as of January 1 next.

Swiss dyestuffs producers are negotiating for admission to the cartel, it is stated.

Division of export markets among the three signatory countries is to be based upon their total 1926 dyestuffs exports as follows:-

France, 12 per cent.; Germany, 75 per cent.; and Great Britain, 13 per cent. Each country reserves for itself the home market, except that each agrees to purchase from other members those dyestuffs not made nationally, but colonies and protectorates are considered export markets. France and Germany agree to exchange process information.

Favourable progress in the formation of a synthetic nitrogen entente between France, Germany and Great Britain to meet competition from natural nitrates through a common sales programme also is reported to the department. Persons close to the European negotiating interests, however, are reported as saying that without American participation the plan cannot be entirely successful.

## SPAIN'S TARIFF.

"MOST FAVOURED NATION"  
CLAUSE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Spanish Embassy in London states that the Spanish Government has decided to grant the most favoured nation clause to the Union of South Africa. New Zealand and Western Samoa for goods manufactured in those countries, provided that the same policy is adopted in respect of Spain. British Wireless Service.

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E. J. EDWARDS,  
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

**DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,**  
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**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
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At no time since the Great War have there been so many beautiful princesses of marriageable age as there are now in the Courts of Europe. These charming, intelligent, intellectual, and vivacious young women are scattered throughout Europe from Spain to Scandinavia, from Italy to Holland. Ten at least are daughters of reigning houses, namely, Hilda, sister of the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg; Eudoxie, sister of the King of Bulgaria; Marie-Jose, daughter of the King of the Belgians; Giovanna and Maria, daughters of the King of Italy; Ileana of Roumania, just 18 years old; Juliana of Holland, a future queen; Beatrice of Spain, and her sister Maria Christina; and Ingrid, daughter of the Crown Prince of Sweden. There are also daughters of dethroned monarchs, and many daughters of brothers of reigning rulers, notably Marthe, of Sweden, whose sister, Princess Astrid, married the Duke of Brabant, heir to the Belgian throne.

Not all of these can hope to become the queens of the future. Possibly some of them may have no such desire. They have seen the happy outcome of their British cousin's marriage to a member of the nobility, and their modern upbringing has also enabled them to think largely for themselves in such important matters. But the State marriage is not a thing of the past. The diplomats of Europe will say that an alliance with the Spanish House of Bourbon would undoubtedly favour Italian ambitions in the Western Mediterranean; that a more personal bond between Italy and Bulgaria would assist Italian policy in the Balkans. Hence the rumours concerning the two Italian princesses. In the same way, speculations put the Infanta Beatrice of Spain in line for the throne of Italy. This fair-haired daughter of a British princess is one of the happiest of all Europe's "queenlings." Her tomboy pranks have endeared her to the Spaniards, and the fact that she has been brought up as a British girl, with all a British girl's love of freedom, militate against her being driven into a purely diplomatic marriage.

Very much the same applies to the beautiful daughter of the King of the Belgians, who is also mentioned as a future Queen of Italy. Her stay in England at the Ursuline Convent, Brentwood, and with Lord and Lady Curzon, taught her much of the British way of looking at life; and though she is more studious than the Spanish princess, especially in her devotion to music, she is also a lover of outdoor life, and fond of games.

Princess Ileana of Roumania, is the beauty of the Balkans. Some say that she will bring back the Monarchy to Hungary, when she marries the Archduke Albrecht. Others link her name with King Boris of Bulgaria. Slender, graceful, fresh-complexioned, she is full of life and laughter. She also has her serious side. Once, during the war, she spent a large sum of money given on her birthday, on buying meat for the soldiers at one of the hospitals. When she went to make her gift, the wounded men cheered, for meat was a rare dish to them in those trying times. Then there is Eudoxie, of Bulgaria, whose serious turn of mind values the situation; for the story goes that when she entered for the law course at the University of Leyden, one of her friends asked her reason for so doing. She replied: "When the time comes for me to be Queen of Holland, it is possible that my country men will not want a queen. In that event, I should like to be a lawyer."

There are those who look to one or other of these young princesses to become the future Queen of Britain. Marthe, of Sweden, Feodora of Denmark, even the young Ingrid of Sweden, have been mentioned from time to time. It is foolish speculation. When the Prince of Wales decides to marry, he will choose his own bride. But it is well known that in majority of cases love is a predominant factor, even with Royalty. Children of the Royal House are more untrammelled than were their forbears. They are more vivacious. They live open lives, in keeping with the spirit of the age. Hence they are attractive in themselves, and they meet one another on level ground. The Royal marriage of the twentieth century may still be one of State and diplomacy; but to the young people themselves that is of only secondary importance. Love is theirs—which is all that counts.

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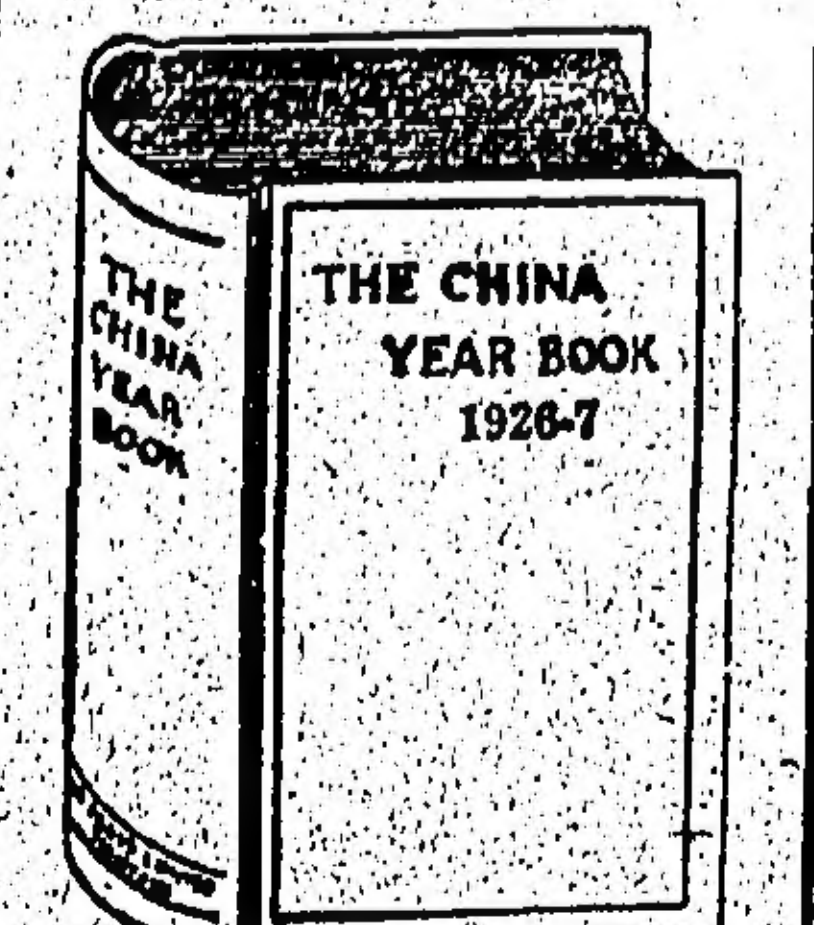
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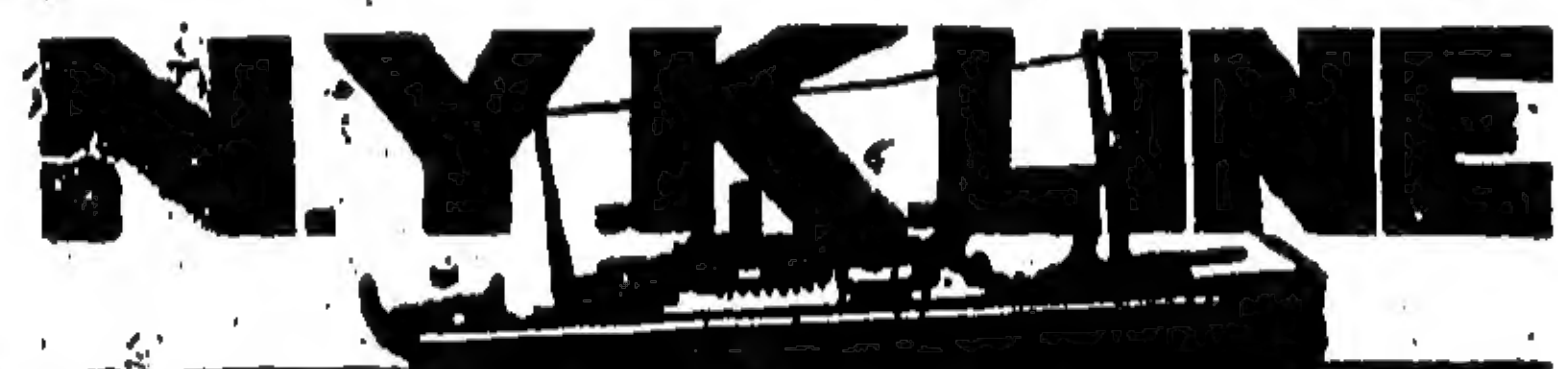
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TAMBA MARU ..... Saturday, 11th February.  
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CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.  
PENANG MARU ..... Wednesday, 1st February.  
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
AKI MARU ..... Friday, 17th February.  
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
TOKUSHIMA MARU (Moji direct) ..... Sunday, 5th February.  
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PORTHOS ..... 29th Feb.  
PAUL LECAT ..... 14th Mar.

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SPHINX ..... 13th Mar.  
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Shanghai, Jan. 27.  
The "Evening News" publishes a telegram from Tsingtao to the effect that the s.s. "Praga" arrived in spite of an attempt of the Nationalist gunboat "Feihu" to hold her up on Wednesday morning off Shantung.  
The "Praga" is alleged to have ignored the "Feihu's" signals, and exchanged gunfire for three hours before out-distancing the "Feihu."

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### GIRL CAPTAIN.

THIRD TO WIN PLACE ON  
SHIPOWNERS' REGISTERS.

A third woman skipper has made her appearance on the world's registers of ship-masters, says the "Sunday News."

A fair-haired, blue-eyed Norwegian girl aged 19, made a special request to the Norwegian Government to be allowed to sit as candidate for a master mariner's certificate.

As the Act under which ship captains and officers were examined did not provide for women, some difficulty was experienced. Miss Gudrun Tragstad, of Oslo, however, persisted in her application to be examined for the highest qualification attainable in the sea service of her country.  
Upon making inquiries, the Government found that a full certificate as master mariner had been granted by the British Government to Lady Ernestine Hunt. They also discovered that the American Government had allowed a shipmaster's widow to sit for an examination as master, which entitled her to take command of a ship which was formerly in charge of her husband.

Finally, therefore, the Norwegian Government allowed Miss Tragstad to compete for the examination, and this she successfully passed at the first attempt.

She has had several years' experience at sea as quartermaster on board her father's ship, and now, in her smart white and blue uniform, complete with naval cap and badge, she struts the bridge, mistress of all she surveys—a lady Viking of the seas.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 17th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd February, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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Hong Kong, 27th January, 1928.

### LINER DAMAGED.

GIGANTIC CUNARD TWO  
DAYS LATE.

New York, Yesterday.

Owing to a very fierce gale raging in the Atlantic the famous Cunard liner s.s. "Aquitania" arrived from Southampton two days' late, with the windows of the upper-decks, port-holes, and deck equipment damaged. The waves at one time dashed against the bridge 70 feet above the waterline.—British Wireless Service.

### "I MUST HAVE \$600."

A WEALTHY WIDOW  
BLACKMAILED.

GUEST AT SCOTTISH HOUSE.

Four years' penal servitude was the sentence passed on Hubert White Barrett, a young man, who at the Old Bailey, London, pleaded guilty to uttering a letter demanding \$600 with menaces, from Mrs. Jessie Taylor, a well-to-do widow.

Mr. J. A. C. Keaves, prosecuting, stated that in 1925 Mrs. Taylor was touring in India when she made the acquaintance of Barrett, who showed her many kindnesses. As a result a friendship sprang up between them. In 1926 he wrote to her saying he was returning to England, and she invited him to stay at her house in Scotland. In January this year she advanced him \$300, and in August he again stayed at her house.

From that time he repeatedly asked her for money, and she gave him another £170 at various times.

"I Have Turned Criminal."

On October 26 he wrote the blackmailing letter, in which he said—"I must have \$600, and to get this I have turned criminal." He went on to say that he had written a number of letters to her relatives and friends making reflections on her character, and that these would be posted if the money did not arrive by a certain date.

When Barrett was arrested he said—"I must have been criminally mad to write such a letter. It was only bluff."

Prisoner's Sorrow.

Mr. Francis Peregrine, defending, said the case was very different from the usual blackmailing case. Barrett was working in India when Mrs. Taylor had a nervous breakdown, and was left without friends or money. He paid all the necessary expenses for her and travelled with her several hundred miles, and arranged for her return passage to England.

Barrett from the dock said he wished to express his regret to Mrs. Taylor, who, he said, had always been a woman of splendid character.

"Callous Blackmailer."—  
Passing sentence, the Recorder described Barrett as "a callous, cold-hearted blackmailer in circumstances of peculiar aggravation."

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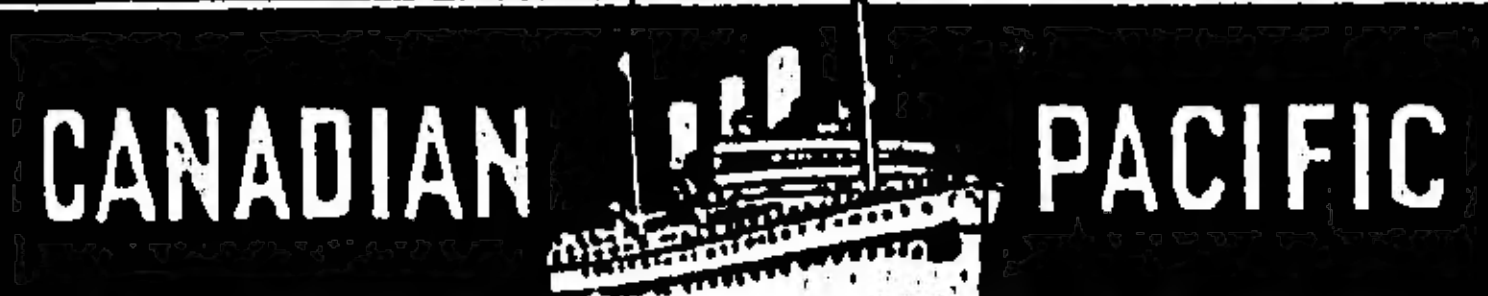
S.S. "TINHOV" ..... 20th April.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU ..... Friday, 10th February.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

HONOLULU MARU ..... Friday, 3rd February.

\* (both calls at Karachi).

SHINGO MARU ..... Thursday, 9th February.

SHINNOH MARU ..... Monday, 20th February.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOHABASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CHICAGO MARU ..... Tuesday, 31st January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

KASADO MARU ..... Saturday, 25th February.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) ..... Tuesday, 7th February.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOI & FAKHOI.

TAIKWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.

MENADO MARU ..... Tuesday, 14th February, 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

JAPAN PORTS

CELEBES MARU ..... Sunday, 5th February.

ALASKA MARU ..... Saturday, 11th February.

BATAVIA MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd February.

KEELING Via SWATOW & AMOY.

HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 29th January, 11 a.m.

MENADO MARU ..... Wednesday, 1st Feb., 10 a.m.

KAIJO MARU ..... Sunday, 5th Feb., 11 a.m.

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	1927	1928
Tytam	13' 8" B	12' 3" B
Tytam Bywash	25' 4" B	25' 8" B
Tytam Intermediate Level	12' 11" B	22' 6" B
Wong Nei Chung	15' 2" B	15' 4" B
Pokfulam	17' 11" B	19' 3" B
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow". Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.]		
	1927	1928
Tytam	278.72	285.76
Tytam Bywash	.59	.38
Tytam Intermediate	185.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,121.75	925.98
Wong Nei Chung	18.19	18.49
Pokfulam	23.36	25.32
Total	1,688.91	1,448.25

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.  
1927 1928  
Consumption ..... 244.29 271.58  
Estimated population 407,820 417,940  
Consumption per head ..... 19.3 20.9  
Full Supply in all districts during December, 1928 and 1927.  
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.  
Total rainfall to December 31, 1928, 100.73; December 31, 1927, 107.87.

tent Supply was given from 4th to 31st December, 1926.

Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during December, 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an intermittent Supply was given from 1st to 31st December, 1927.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 0" B	7' 4" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 7" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	3' 4" B	2' 3" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	238.50	230.42
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	.84	.87
Reception Reservoir	24.55	27.24
Total	403.89	408.63

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.  
1927 1928  
Consumption ..... 74.89 88.88  
Estimated population 156,140 168,150  
per day ..... 15.8 17.6

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KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
NELLORE	8,863	26th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KIDDERPORE	9,334	26th Feb.	Straits & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,940	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,954	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
MAIWA	10,980	25th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London

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KARMALA	9,128	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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## DARING TRIO.

HAZARDOUS PLAN IN OPEN BOAT.

CALCUTTA TO AUSTRALIA.

Bombay, Jan. 7.  
Mrs. Ivy Hercombe, a young married woman, is taking part in a perilous attempt to reach Australia from Calcutta in an open ship's lifeboat with her husband and another man as companions.

Mr. Hercombe is a young medical student, who emigrated from Canada to India some years ago.

He was, until recently, the secretary of the marine Club, Calcutta.

The third member of the party is Mr. Bugg, Assistant Marine Superintendent at the Garden Reach workshops.

Mr. Bugg, who will be the leader of the expedition, has spent most of his life at sea, with the exception of adventurous interludes ashore in various parts of the world, and it was his inspiration that led his two companions to essay the amazing exploit.

Two days ago Mr. Bugg suddenly threw up his position as Assistant Marine Superintendent at the Garden Reach Workshops, where he was employed by Messrs. McNeill and Company, shipping agents, and, hastily equipping his small craft with enough provisions to last for several weeks, put the finishing touches to the boat in preparation for the voyage.

Intimate friends of the adventurers have appealed to them in vain to abandon their foolhardy idea, as it seemed to them.

But all three members of the party are confident of success, and expect to complete the voyage in two months.

The boat is less than 30 feet in length, and has been specially equipped for the voyage.

## FREIGHT MARKET.

SLIGHT ACTIVITY IN SHANGHAI.

Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s report for the fortnight ending January 19 states:

The situation in our Outward Freight markets we find to be as follows:

To United Kingdom and Continent.—Our local export market has been fairly active during the past fortnight and we think that the approach of Chinese New Year is, to a great extent, the cause of the slight increase in activity.

From Hankow there seems to be plenty of cargo offering, but the extraordinarily low state of the water in the Yangtze is making it very difficult to secure sufficient river tonnage to bring the cargo down stream.

For early Spring shipment, the rates from Dairen and Vladivostok are somewhat firmer—but prospects for Summer months are not good.—There is practically no demand for tank-space for bulk-oil at the present time.

The next steamers to load on this berth are as follows:—

Marseilles, London, "Antenor" .. 21

Marseilles, Bremen, "Koenigsberg" .. 22

London, Hamburg, "Gleniffer" .. 23

Genoa, Hamburg, "Zosma" .. 23

Marseilles, London, "Haruna Maru" .. 24

Genoa, Marseilles, "President Wilson" .. 25

Marseilles, "Angers" .. 28

Oran, Dunkirk, "Lt. St. Loubert Bie" .. 30

Marseilles, Liverpool, "Delagoa Maru" .. 4

To United States via Pacific and Canals.—This market is a little firmer as regards commodities moving to the U.S.A. owing to the proximity of Chinese New Year but, of course, nothing like what it should be, if conditions were normal. What conditions will be like after the New Year, it is hard to predict but a great deal will depend upon the markets in the States.

American has not been buying very heavily for some time and it looks as if she might be coming in more heavily shortly.

The next steamers to load for New Year direct are as follows:—

Suez Jan.

Str. "President Wilson" via Suez .. 25

Str. "Japanese Prince" via Suez .. 26

Str. "President van Buren" via Suez .. 8

Str. "Tatsumo Maru" via Panama .. 18

Str. "Chinese Prince" via Suez .. 18

Consignees:—As predicted in our last issue—the Coast and River trades are practically at a standstill for the time being, largely on account of the imminence of Chinese New Year.

The water in the Yangtze, after falling to the extraordinarily low level of 9 feet, has shown a tendency to rise again and now stands at about 12 feet, but it is impossible to say, as yet, whether this draft will be maintained.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "D'Artagnan" are advised that all claims must be sent in before January 30.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Madras" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 1.

## THE "BERMUDA."

A LUXURY MOTOR SHIP'S TRIALS.

The new motor liner "Bermuda," which was launched from the yard of Messrs. Workman Clark and Co., Ltd., in July, was undergoing a series of trials on the Clyde and in the Irish Sea in mid-week.

Few vessels completed during the current year, or in fact few since the war, have aroused such interest in technical and commercial shipping circles as this vessel, and the results of her trials will be looked forward to with interest.

Her principal trade will be as a huge passenger ferry of high speed between New York and the island of "Bermuda," after which she is named. Her entry into this service will mark another step in the development of the modern motor-propelled liner. Her accommodation will be the embodiment of elegance and dignity combined with luxury of appointment.

## VOYAGE END.

Once again the clipper held her course, showing red lead.

Shattering the sea-tops into golden rain.

The waves bowed down before her like blown grain.

Onwards she thurst, on; her voyage was short.

Before the trier's bells rang her into port.

Cheerily they rang her in, those beating bells.

The new-comer beauty stately from the sea.

Whitening the blue heave of the drowsy swells.

Treading the bubbles down. With three times three.

They cheered her moving beauty in, and she

Came to her berth so noble, so superb;

Swayed like a queen, and answered to the curb.

Then in the sunset's flush they went aloft,

And unbent sails in that most lovely hour,

When the light gentles and the wind is soft,

And beauty in the heart breaks like a flower.

Working aloft they saw the mountain tower,

Snow to the peak; they heard the launchmen shout;

And bright along the bay the lights came out.

—John Massfield, in "Dauber."

## CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 8th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before MONDAY, the 30th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard &amp; Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 20th January, 1928.

## RED TAPE.

BARS ECONOMY IN U.S. NAVY.

ADMIRAL'S VIEWS.

Two hundred new destroyers built subsequent to the World War and now out of commission and alleged to be deteriorating should be reconditioned and put into service, Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder, former commander of the fourth naval district with headquarters at Philadelphia, told the House Naval Affairs Committee. Admiral Magruder concluded direct testimony which has led the committee to investigate charges of extravagance in the Navy Department and the next session will be devoted to questioning the admiral.

The Rear Admiral said commissioning the destroyers, now tied up in navy yards, would be a real economy, would give officers much needed training, and would offer a real defence in case of emergency.

He charged duplication of work by naval offices and uselessly involved paper work. Thomas S. Bulter (R.), Representative from Pennsylvania, and chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, expressed himself as in complete sympathy with removed naval officer.

## Views Are Indorsed.

"I want to say," Mr. Bulter, interjected at the conclusion, "that I sympathize with you, Admiral. I agree with you. I have been all through this myself and have attacked conditions that you point out." Mr. Bulter added that "Like Admiral Magruder," he had suffered because of his tenacity in criticizing naval expenditure.

Quoting the annual report of the engineering chief in 1925, Rear Admiral Magruder said that it cost the United States Navy \$4 to install every \$1 worth of material, using navy yard labour. This report, he said, bore out a part of his criticism that had been widely attacked as misleading.

The witness conscientiously avoided hyperbole and frequently modified adjectives. He said an "impressive" number of officers and bureaus now seem to have cognizance over navy vessels." He said a large share of the work undertaken by the office of material might just as well be settled in a few minutes over the telephone.

## Political Issue Raised.

He said that elaborate orders were issued from the Navy Department when it was proposed to pick up late mail from Boston in a navy aeroplane and carry it out to the "Leviathan," a day after the steamship had left New York.

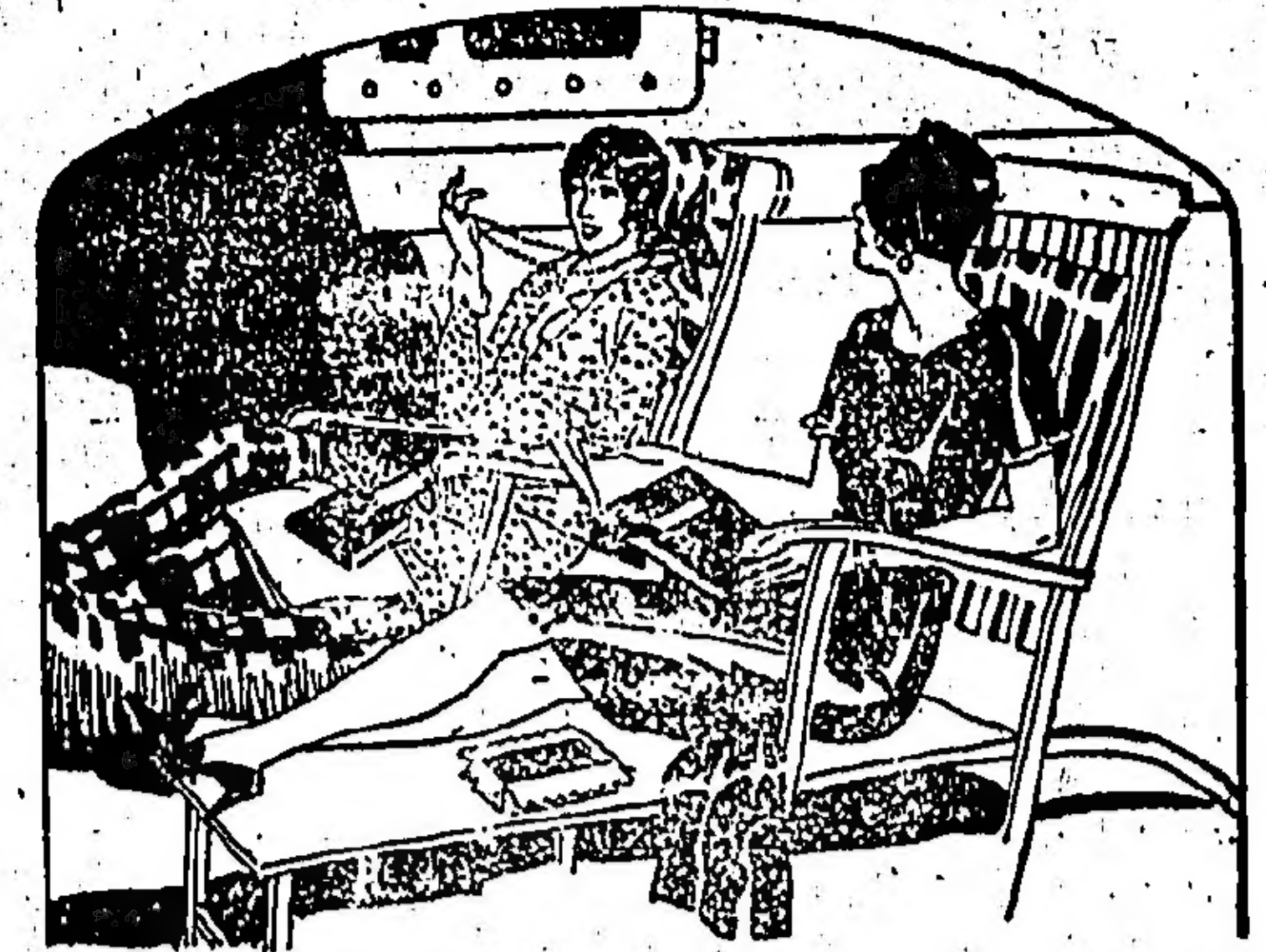
Instructions from Washington were so elaborate that they left no freedom to the commanders of the Philadelphia and Boston navy yards who, he thought, might better have directed the experiment.

Extravagance and political log-rolling in establishment of various navy yards were charged by him. Compared with \$250,000 paid out to private commercial yards for repair work by the Shipping Board on each of three of the American trader group of vessels, he charged the United States Navy Yard at Brooklyn \$900,000 for doing similar repair work on a fourth ship of the same class, and that later an additional \$400,000 was paid out.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 16.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived Bombay on January 10 at 6.30 a.m. She is p.m., and was due at Padang today, at 6 a.m. She is due at Hong Kong on February 10, at 8 a.m.



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### SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The outstanding political event of the week so far as the South is concerned has been Chiang Kai-shek's more or less definite repudiation of the Kwangsi faction now governing Canton. The most outstanding military event over the Ironsides and the resultant decrease in danger to Swatow. Politics, as any student of Chinese affairs knows, predominate in the scheme of things and their battles, though bloodless, are of far-reaching import. Facts between various factions are constantly being consummated, seemingly lightly. Each pact, however, provokes a counter-pact. General Chiang Kai-shek, whatever his personal feelings toward Canton may be, has been compelled by political exigencies to declare his repudiation of his former lieutenant who now holds the reins in the Southern capital.

A straw which shows the way the wind is blowing was the prosecution of two ex-officials from Canton in the local courts on a charge of embezzling funds of the Central Bank of China which, as every one knows, is the instrument of the ruling power in Canton. These men had to do with the running of the Bank during the few days the Ironsides had control of the capital. Of these few days, of course, they made the most, and the sequel was their arrest in Hong Kong. By this time, it is almost unnecessary to add, the Ironsides have lost their power and Li Chai-sum and his Kwangsi cronies were back again in Canton. One

of the two "criminals" obtained his discharge here upon proving his British citizenship; yesterday the other was freed, the court, despite elaborate legal argument, quite naturally refusing to lend its machinery for the adjustment of a political difference outside its sphere of action and with which it had absolutely no concern.

The interesting point in the matter, however, is not the arrest of the two political refugees, an incident that may occur any day of the week in Hong Kong, but the revelation that a considerable part of the money which was removed from the Central Bank was destined for Chiang Kai-shek. In itself a small matter and one which would not have been brought to public notice but for the efforts of interested parties to secure the bodies—and loot—of these two men, it is, we emphasize, a straw, and Li Chai-sum may adjust his sails accordingly.

Feng Yu-hsiang, according to reports, is again to make an attack upon Peking. Last heard of he was some three hundred miles from his objective. And this is about as near he is likely to get to it. Victories have been claimed on behalf of the Kuomintang, the army which is fighting under the banner of the "Christian General," but it is difficult to believe that these successes, if authentic, were the fruits of battle with legitimate Fengtien forces. Peking itself has said nothing about these engagements. On Thursday, as a matter of fact, we had it on reliable authority that the Fengtien leaders—Marshal Chang Tao-jin, Chang Taung-chang, Sun Chuan-fang, Chu Pu-yu and the rest of them—were still in conference in Peking.

Feng Yu-hsiang, whatever the strength of his Hunan force may be—and he has little else behind him—has small hope of getting anywhere near the capital. A similar expression of opinion was made in these columns in regard to the announcement of Chiang Kai-shek that he would undertake a march upon the Capital. The fact of the matter is that there does not exist a force in China—or even a combination of forces—likely to prove strong enough to overthrow the power of the little man from Mukden.

### SIR ALFRED DENT.

London, Yesterday.  
Sir Alfred Dent, whose death was recorded recently, left \$61,062.  
Reuter.

### "DELIBERATE LIES."

LOAN TO OFFICER WHO  
LATER DEFAULTED.

"A FRIEND'S DEBTS."

A loan made to an officer of an association which was described by counsel as "a charity created under Royal Charter by Earl Haig" was the subject of an action heard in the King's Bench Division, London, by Mr. Justice MacKinnon.

The plaintiffs, the Officers' Association (Auxiliary) (Limited), of Eaton Square, London, sued Major John Gardiner Chapple, of East Hailton Camp, Wendover, and Mr. Isaac Fairclough Thomas, of Blackheath, to recover \$227, the balance of a loan made to Major Chapple by the Association. Judgment had been signed against Major Chapple.

Electrical Business.

For the plaintiffs, Mr. W. B. Franklin said that one of the Association's activities was lending money, on which no interest was charged, to ex-officers who desired to purchase business. In June, 1925, Major Chapple applied for a loan to enable him to purchase an electrical business and was granted \$231, after he had signed an agreement and obtained the signature of Mr. Thomas as surety.

The agreement provided for the repayment of the loan by monthly instalments of \$7, but Major Chapple defaulted immediately. Eventually the Association wrote to Mr. Thomas asking for a cheque for \$231, and Mr. Thomas replied that it was impossible for him to pay, as he had no capital and no assets.

"Matter of Form."

He stated that when he signed the agreement he was told by Major Chapple that it was a matter of form, and he did not realise that he was taking on any liability.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice MacKinnon said that in any ordinary case one felt some sympathy for a defendant who was sued on a guarantee—a promise which he made out of kindness of heart—to be responsible for a friend's debts. But, continued the Judge, I am satisfied beyond any shadow of doubt that both in his affidavit and in the witness-box Mr. Thomas has told deliberate lies, and has committed perjury.

There would be judgment for the Association for the amount claimed, with costs.

The Judge added that he had no doubt that the Association was an excellent institution, and that its activities had munificent results.

### UNKNOWN BRIDE.

AMAZING STORY OF \$300  
FEE.

PA-IN-LAW WITH A POKER.

An amazing story of a man accepting a fee of \$300 for marrying a girl whom he had never seen before she entered a Registrar's office, was told to the Manchester City Magistrates.

The case was described by Mr. T. H. Hinchcliffe, in opening, as one of the most extraordinary that had ever come before a court of law. He represented Henry Gunder, living with his parents in Pemberton Street, Hightown.

Gunder accused his wife, Beattie Gunder, living with her father in Knowsley Street, Chester, and her father, David Halfer, of assault. The wife counter-charged Gunder with thrashing her.

Mr. Hinchcliffe said that when the marriage took place in the Registrar's office last August, Gunder had never seen the girl before. He received \$50 at the ceremony, and \$250, later. The money was paid into the bank, but it was withdrawn by the girl by a subterfuge, and "the hire purchase system," as Mr. Hinchcliffe said he would call it—came to an end.

Never Had a Kiss.

These young people, he said, have never lived together or had a kiss yet.

His wife came to see him after it had been suggested that they should come together. She was in a nasty temper, and after striking him as he lay in bed she ran to the door shouting "Murder!" and "Police!" She came back and struck him again. The father-in-law entered the room armed with a poker and struck Gunder.

Gunder, in protecting his head, received a blow on the arm, and was so frightened that he jumped through a window half naked and escaped.

The defence was that Gunder had paid no maintenance towards the upkeep of his wife, and that his whole story was a pure fabrication designed to evade his obligations. It was not true that as husband and wife they were absolute strangers.

The landlord of the house stated that he found Mrs. Gunder lying on the bedroom floor in her night-dresses while the husband was

### RAFFLES COLLEGE.

CENTRE OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION.

PROGRESS OF SCHEME.

The Raffles College scheme in Singapore is making good progress on both its architectural and administrative sides, and the College is expected to open with thirty or more students in June. The main lines of the \$1,000,000 building scheme are already appearing, and a description of the College buildings and lay-out of the site is given below.

The College will be the first institution of its kind in this part of the world, and the project which is now nearing completion, after over two years' work, first came into being as the result of proposals to celebrate the centenary of the founding of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles.

The College scheme comprises an administration block, a science block, two halls of residence for sixty students each, a sports pavilion equipped with a gymnasium, and swimming bath, and ten acres of playing fields. Further developments now held up for lack of funds include arts and engineering buildings and a third hall of residence.

Taking Shape.

Amid the confusion of half-finished buildings, cleared jungle, cuttings for roads, and all the impedimenta of the building contractor the first centre of higher education in the Malay Archipelago—a part from professional institutions—is gradually taking shape on the wooded bluff at the junction of Cluny Road and Bukit Timah Road, and by June of this year Raffles College will be open and at work.

The main line of the architectural scheme and lay-out of the College grounds are already apparent. At present two roads lead into the site, from Dalvey Road and Cluny Road, but when the scheme is completed the main entrance will be from Bukit Timah Road. The swampy blunder land will be cleared, drained, and filled, and when Sir Hugh Clifford formally opens the new College, it is hoped that he will enter by a broad road sweeping through an expanse of green playing-fields to the buildings finely situated on the slope of the hill. Some thirty-six acres are available for athletic purposes, but only ten acres will be used immediately.

The object of delaying the opening ceremony for some time after the College is actually in operation is to allow of the buildings and grounds, which at present are in the condition usually associated with building operations, offering an orderly and attractive appearance as possible.

A Magnificent Site.

The site is a magnificent one, and in itself it represents a very considerable gift by the Colonial Government to the cause of education in this country. Certainly the future intelligentsia of Malaya could ask for no more attractive or suitable surroundings in which to spend their academic three years. From their halls on the crown of the hill they will enjoy a fine view of open country. Bukit Timah Road will provide ready access to town, and on its other sides the site is bounded by the suburban section of Cluny Road and Dalvey Road. The College grounds comprise over fifty acres, which were formerly the Government Economic Gardens, and it is said to reflect that when work first began on the site, over two years ago, Chinese coolies, engaged in clearing and removing timber, without the permission of the authorities, cut down the first rubber tree ever planted in the Colony.

Originally a seedling brought from Kew, it was raised from the first historic shipment of rubber seeds from Brazil, and it is said to have been the veritable Adam of the Malayan planting industry. Fortunately this indiscriminate clearing was stopped in time to save many of the other rare and interesting trees which are to be found in the grounds, and these will be preserved and used, as far as possible, by the gardeners who will set to work as soon as the buildings have departed.

College Buildings and Grounds.

The lay-out of the College buildings is very successful, and well adapted to the different levels of a difficult site. On the top of the hill the scheme provides for a spacious quadrangle, some three hundred feet square, formed by three halls of residence and the science building. At present funds are only available for two halls, and the fourth side will be left open. The science block again forms the fourth side of a second and smaller quadrangle made up of the administration building and long corridors connecting it with the science block.

From the main entrance a circular road will open out and sweep right round the two quadrangles, and outside this road again, but at lower levels on the slopes of the hill, there will be seven staff houses and the President's house. The architectural scheme, as it exists on paper, also provides for arts building and an engineering building branching out to right and left of the lower quadrangle, but those are developments of the future, dependent upon the amount of financial support which the College receives from the public of Malaya after it has actually come into being—"Straits Times."

shouting threats at her from the bed.  
All the summonses were dismissed.

### P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The visiting golfers at Fanning appear to have been Shanghaiated yesterday.

Overdressed Youth: "Aw, I suppose you don't keep puppy biscuits in this beastly village?"  
Shopman (sweetly): "Oh, yes, sir. In a bag or eat 'em here, sir?"

Visitor (to Scotsman who has just taken a house): "Why have you pinned the wallpaper, Max, instead of pasting it?"  
Max: "Dinna ye ken I am no staying here all my life?"

One evening a young surgeon received a telephone call from a colleague who invited him to come and make up a fourth at bridge.  
"Going out, dear?" asked his wife, sympathetically.  
"I'm afraid so, dear," came the grave reply; "it's a very important case. There are three doctors there already."

He landed home late from a night drive. He brought a prize—a large oil lamp. He handed it proudly, if unsteadily, to his wife.  
"It's so like you," commented his wife, and John looked pleased.  
Then she continued: "It's good-looking and wants a lot of attention. It's unsteady on its legs when full, and when half-filled inclined to explode; flares up occasionally; out at bedtime, and smokes too much."

Tramp: "Your dog just bit a chunk out of me leg, sir."  
Mr. Johns: "Oh, thanks for telling me. I was just going to feed him."

"Why all the hurry, George?"  
"Squire be fallen down well."  
"Be ye after a rope?"  
"No, 'is ear-trumpet. 'O've shouted down, but he can't 'ear."

Pal: "Sorry to hear your engagement is broken off, old chap!"  
Rejected Lover: "I shall get over it. But the worst blow was when she returned my ring marked, 'Glass—with care.'"

Foreman (testing newly-built wall in house): "I'm speaking quietly, Bill; can you hear me?"  
Bill (on the other side): "Err yer! Lumme, I can see yer in three places."

"There is nothing really wrong with you," said the specialist to the taciturn patient. "But your nerves are a little frayed. What you need is a holiday apart from your friends and family in some quiet, restful spot."  
"Well," said the patient, "I will get back to work. I'm a light-house-keeper."

Percy, being down to recite at a temperance concert, stood up to do or die. He got along all right until he reached the words, "He stood beside the bier!" Then his memory failed him. "He stood beside the bier," he repeated, trembling. Some of the audience on the back benches murmured to one another. "He stood beside the bier," groaned Percy, and drew a moist hand across his forehead.  
"Go on," cried a voice from the rear, "If'll go flat while you're waiting."

Jack—"I hear Bill has a habit of talking to himself when he's alone."  
Jim—"I'm sure I don't know."  
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Jim—"Yes, but I was never with him when he was alone."

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Chemist (jokingly): "Some that goes off with a bang?"  
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Betty—"Do you have any green lipsticks?"  
Drug-store Clerk—"Green lipsticks?"  
Betty—"Yes; a railroad man is going to call on me to-night."

First Coloured Lady—"Yo' husband in de hospital? Ah thought he was jus' only off on a jag."  
Second Similar (with pride)—"He was, but Ah interrupted him."

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Based on suggestions made by wealthy Chinese residents of the Foreign Settlement who seek to reward the splendid work done by the Municipal police in their incessant war on crime in Shanghai, the Municipal Council has started a fund known as the "Special Crime Suppression Fund" to which contributions are invited. Already more than \$40,000 has been subscribed by a dozen residents, and more subscriptions are expected as soon as the scheme receives publicity. The names of contributors will not be divulged and the money will be used for breaking up the armed criminal gangs roaming the Settlement, and also for rewarding members of the Municipal police for gallant conduct.

## Chinese Suggestions.

According to an official statement describing the scheme, toward the end of last year there was published in the Municipal "Gazette" correspondence received from leading Chinese residents of the Settlement by the Chairman of the Council acknowledging the splendid work done by the Police Force in the suppression of armed robbers and kidnappers.

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## More Money Expected.

The fund will be operated by the Council and it is believed that generous contributions already received by the Council will be followed by others from residents when they realise the uses to which the money will be put, namely, to assist in the breaking-up of the gangs of armed robbers and kidnappers who are utilising the Foreign Settlement as a field for their nefarious activities, and to reward the members of the police force who, by their gallantry, have contributed and are contributing towards ridding the Settlement of the criminals who have for so long been terrorising wealthy Chinese residents. From time to time acknowledgment will be made in these columns of the sums subscribed to the fund.

## Anonymity Assured.

The fund will be supported entirely by voluntary contributions so that subscriptions will be welcomed from all classes of the community. Subscriptions may be sent or handed in person to Mr. J. C. Bosworth, Assistant Treasurer and Comptroller (Room 231, 2nd floor, Municipal Council Building) at any time during office hours and official receipts will be issued by the Treasurer and Comptroller's Department.

## SPEARED TO DEATH.

## HOW SAVAGES MURDERED CAPT. FERGUSSON.

Further details now available regarding the murder of Capt. V. H. Fergusson, District Commissioner of the Bah-el-Ghazal province of Southern Sudan, and M. Andreas Panatopoulos, a Greek merchant, show that two Arab traders and a number of porters and servants were also done to death by the treacherous savages of the Nuer Nuong tribe.

It appears that Capt. Fergusson, who was attempting to restore cattle stolen from the Dinka tribe, had arranged to meet the Nuer chiefs and their followers 400 yards from the bank of the Upper Nile. A large crowd had gathered when he arrived by steamer, but there was no sign of hostility, and the Commissioner was talking to the Greek merchant when a young Nuer, hurled a spear, slightly wounding the official. Capt. Fergusson threw it back, and was immediately surrounded and stabbed to death, receiving many wounds. M. Panatopoulos was killed in trying to help the Commissioner, and the savages then turned on the Arabs and their servants, who fled. The engineer of the river steamer held the Nuer at bay with a shotgun while the surviving fugitives boarded the vessel.

## FAILS AT ALTAR.

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## NO WEDDING.

A wedding which was to have taken place at Minehead, Somerset, was abandoned half-way through the service. The bride was Miss Maggie Atkins, of Minehead, and the bridegroom Alexander Cummings, a soldier, of Tidworth, Salisbury Plain. Seventy people were present, including relatives of the bride.

The service progressed smoothly until the bridegroom had to make the responses. He said, "I will," but apparently could not repeat accurately the few sentences in the answer following about taking the bride for better or worse.

The vicar, the Rev. E. Parry Liddon, repeatedly tried to get the bridegroom to say the words properly, but failed to do so, and he then declared that the ceremony would have to be abandoned.

The soldier drove away with the bride's relatives in a closed car to the bride's home, and Miss Atkins followed after a conversation with the vicar. Later, Mr. Cummings went to see the vicar, who has informed the Bishop of Bath and Wells of his action in stopping the wedding.

Miss Atkins told a reporter that Mr. Cummings had been abroad a good deal; he had a touch of malaria and a severe cold, and was very nervous.

## CINEMA NOTES.

## SPECIAL TIMES FOR "BEN-HUR."

"Ben-Hur" cost over \$600,000 and was filmed in Italy and California. Never previously have such resources been lavished on a picture. The construction of the Roman fleet and Goltha's pirate galleys required a year and a half in a great shipyard at Leghorn. The launching of these ships was a wonderful ceremony, with high Italian officials and diplomatic representatives participating. The fighting sequences show a titanic struggle with thousands and thousands of sailors boarding, ramming and firing this fleet of one hundred giant-size vessels. The "Ben-Hur" is the outstanding sensation of the cinema world. Ramon Novarro as the galley slave and charioteer, May McAvoy as the sweet Esther, and Francis X. Bushman as the cruel centurion, exert a potent magnetism on every spectator. This magnificent attraction, which cost \$4,000,000 to produce, will be seen at the Queen's Theatre on Monday next. Owing to the length of the film, only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S FILMS.

Buster Keaton's delightful comedy, "College," which has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre since Thursday, will be screened for the last time this evening. Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are Charlie Chaplin's famous production, "The Gold Rush," at the World Theatre, and Leatrice Joy's melodrama of the city and a tropical isle, "The Wedding Song," at the Star Theatre.

## LIFE OF EASE.

## FORGER'S STOLEN CHEQUE BOOK.

By means of a stolen cheque-book, a man believed to be a well-known forger has for several months been living a life of ease in the north of England, but the victimisation of a Chester Jeweller led to the discovery of an amazing series of frauds and a warrant for the man's arrest.

The cheque-book belonged to Miss Beatrice Davies, of Penryn-crescent, Llandudno, and was drawn on the Llandudno branch of Lloyds Bank.

The man, who claimed to be a retired Army captain, is about 30, and is described by those who have met him as having twinkling brown eyes and a pleasant expression. With his wife and two children he stayed in Chester for several months, and when he was in need of money he visited Lloyds Bank with a forged cheque. He made his first successful attempt in October, when he secured \$100, and then he became an almost weekly visitor until December 9, when he was last seen on the bank premises, and then left with \$200. He gathered \$650 in six visits.

He visited Manchester, where he sold his motor-car for \$6. He altered the sum to \$60 and returned to Chester, where he passed the cheque at a jeweller's shop. When the cheque reached Manchester, the drawer discovered the forgery and the police are now searching for the man.

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

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January 30-February 6—Queen's Theatre; "Ben Hur."  
January 31-February 1—Star Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."  
February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.  
February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

## Sports.

To-day—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

## Lammerts' Auction.

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March 1—At Auction Room, Tea House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

## Meetings.

February 2—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, City Hall, 12.15 p.m.

February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 9—Annual meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

## Miscellaneous.

January 29—Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Although H. W. Taylor has captained the South African cricket team from the season 1913-14, it is possible that he will be relieved of the responsibility at his own request. H. G. Deane, the Transvaal captain, and R. H. Catterall, captain of Natal, have been mentioned as likely to succeed him.

Now that the University Association match is over, Chelsea will in all probability have the services of R. G. Jenkins, the Dark Blues' inside or outside right, although in the Cup-ties it is likely that he will prefer to assist the Corinthians.

The following events will take place at the Cheer O' Y.M.C.A., Queen's Buildings, next week:—Sunday, January 29, a Musical Evening commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, January 31, a Sing Song commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 1, Whist Drive commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Thursday, February 2, an Impromptu Dance commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Friday, February 3, a Concert and Dance commencing at 7.30 p.m. All service men are heartily invited.

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## SHANGHAI COUNCIL'S FUND.

## SPECIAL AGENTS.

Based on suggestions made by wealthy Chinese residents of the Foreign Settlement who seek to reward the splendid work done by the Municipal police in their incessant war on crime in Shanghai, the Municipal Council has started a fund known as the "Special Crime Suppression Fund" to which contributions are invited. Already more than \$40,000 has been subscribed by a dozen residents, and more subscriptions are expected as soon as the scheme receives publicity. The names of contributors will not be divulged and the money will be used for breaking up the armed criminal gangs roaming the Settlement, and also for rewarding members of the Municipal police for gallant conduct.

Chinese Suggestions. According to an official statement describing the scheme, toward the end of last year there was published in the Municipal "Gazette" correspondence received from leading Chinese residents of the Settlement by the Chairman of the Council acknowledging the splendid work done by the Police Force in the suppression of armed robbers and kidnappers.

One of these letters concluded as follows: "This letter serves to place on record our sympathy and we should be pleased if you, in addition to taking cognizance of this, will inform us as to whether or not there is any means by which we can express our appreciation in a more substantial way." Largely as a result of suggestions subsequently received from prominent Chinese residents, a fund has now been opened whereby appreciation of the work of the police may be expressed in the "more substantial way" proposed. The fund has been designated the "Special Crime Suppression Fund," and, for obvious reasons, (as in the case of the letters referred to above) the names of the contributors to the fund will not be divulged. Already contributions amounting to over \$40,000 have been received from Chinese residents.

## More Money Expected.

The fund will be operated by the Council and it is believed that generous contributions already received by the Council will be followed by others from residents when they realise the uses to which the money will be put, namely, to assist in the breaking up of the gangs of armed robbers and kidnappers who are utilising the Foreign Settlement as a field for their nefarious activities, and to reward the members of the police, force who, by their gallantry, have contributed and are contributing towards ridding the Settlement of the criminals who have for so long been terrorising wealthy Chinese residents. From time to time acknowledgment will be made in these columns of the sums subscribed to the fund.

## Anonymity Assured.

The fund will be supported entirely by voluntary contributions so that subscriptions will be welcomed from all classes of the community. Subscriptions may be sent or handed in person to Mr. J. C. Bosustow, Assistant Treasurer and Comptroller (Room 281, 2nd floor, Municipal Council Building) at any time during office hours and official receipts will be issued by the Treasurer and Comptroller's Department.

## SPEARED TO DEATH.

## HOW SAVAGES MURDERED CAPT. FERGUSSON.

Further details now available regarding the murder of Capt. V. H. Fergusson, District Commissioner of the Bah-el-Ghazal province of Southern Sudan, and M. Andreas Panatopoulos, a Greek merchant, show that two Arab traders and a number of porters and servants were also done to death by the treacherous savages of the Nuer Nuong tribe.

It appears that Capt. Fergusson, who was attempting to restore cattle stolen from the Dinka tribe, had arranged to meet the Nuer chiefs and their followers 400 yards from the bank of the Upper Nile.

A large crowd had gathered when he arrived by steamer, but there was no sign of hostility, and the Commissioner was talking to the Greek merchant when a young Nuer hurled a spear, slightly wounding the official. Capt. Fergusson threw it back, and was immediately surrounded and stabbed to death, receiving many wounds.

M. Panatopoulos was killed in trying to help the Commissioner, and the savages then turned on the Arabs and their servants, who fled. The engineer of the river steamer, held the Nuer at bay with a shotgun while the surviving fugitives boarded the vessel.

## FAILS AT ALTAR.

## UNABLE TO MAKE THE RESPONSES.

## NO WEDDING.

A wedding which was to have taken place at Minehead, Somerset, was abandoned half-way through the service.

The bride was Miss Maggie Atkins, of Minehead, and the bridegroom Alexander Cummings, a soldier, of Tidworth, Salisbury Plain. Seventy people were present, including relatives of the bride.

The service progressed smoothly until the bridegroom had to make the responses. He said, "I will," but apparently could not repeat accurately the few sentences in the answer following about taking the bride for better or worse.

The vicar, the Rev. E. Parry Liddon, repeatedly tried to get the bridegroom to say the words properly, but failed to do so, and he then declared that the ceremony would have to be abandoned.

The soldier drove away with the bride's relatives in a closed car to the bride's home, and Miss Atkins followed after a conversation with the vicar.

Later, Mr. Cummings went to see the vicar, who has informed the Bishop of Bath and Wells of his action in stopping the wedding.

Miss Atkins told a reporter that Mr. Cummings had been abroad a good deal; he had a touch of malaria and a severe cold, and was very nervous.

## CINEMA NOTES.

## SPECIAL TIMES FOR "BEN-HUR."

"Ben-Hur" cost over \$600,000 and was filmed in Italy and California. Never previously have such resources been lavished on a picture. The construction of the Roman fleet and Gaius's pirate galleys required a year and a half in a great shipyard at Leghorn. The launching of these ships was a wonderful ceremony, with high Italian officials and diplomatic representatives participating. The fighting sequences show a titanic struggle with thousands and thousands of sailors boarding, ramming and firing this fleet of one hundred giant-size vessels. The Carthage fleet is the outstanding sensation of the cinema world. Ramon Novarro as the galley slave and charioteer, May McAvoy as the sweet Esther, and Francis X. Bushman as the cruel centurion, exert a potent magnetism on every spectator. This magnificent attraction, which cost \$4,000,000 to produce, will be seen at the Queen's Theatre on Monday next. Owing to the length of the film, only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S FILMS.

Buster Keaton's delightful comedy, "College," which has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre since Thursday, will be screened for the last time this evening. Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are Charlie Chaplin's famous production, "The Gold Rush," at the World Theatre, and Letrice Joy's melodrama of the city and a tropical isle, "The Wedding Song," at the Star Theatre.

## LIFE OF EASE.

## FORGER'S STOLEN CHEQUE BOOK.

By means of a stolen cheque-book, a man believed to be a well-known forger has for several months been living a life of ease in the north of England, but the victimisation of a Chester Jeweller led to the discovery of an amazing series of frauds and a warrant for the man's arrest.

The cheque-book belonged to Miss Beatrice Davies, of Penryn-crescent, Llandudno, and was drawn on the Llandudno branch of Lloyds Bank.

The man, who claimed to be a retired Army captain, is about 30, and is described by those who have met him as having twinkling brown eyes and a pleasant expression.

With his wife and two children he stayed in Chester for several months, and when he was in need of money he visited Lloyds Bank with a forged cheque. He made his first successful attempt in October, when he secured £100, and then he became an almost weekly visitor until December 6, when he was last seen on the bank premises, and then left with £200. He gathered £550 in six visits.

He visited Manchester, where he sold his motor-car for £8. He altered the sum to £60 and returned to Chester, where he passed the cheque at a jeweller's shop. When the cheque reached Manchester the drawer discovered the forgery and the police are now searching for the man.

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; Buster Keaton in "College."

To-day—World Theatre; "Gold Rush."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Wedding Song."

To-day—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; "Impromptu" Concert, 7.30 p.m.

January 29—Queen's Theatre; "The Irresistible Lover."

January 29—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Musical Evening, 7.30 p.m.

January 29—Star Theatre; "The Desert's Toll."

January 29—World Theatre; "Way Down East."

January 30—February 6—Queen's Theatre; "Ben Hur."

January 31—February 1—Star Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

To-day—American lawn tennis tournament (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

February 17—Golf Match; Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

Lammerts' Auction.

January 30—At the Race Course, Happy Valley, a quantity of timber hut material (new), 10.45 a.m.

January 30—At Block "E," Victoria Barracks, a quantity of timber hut material (new), 11.30 a.m.

January 30—At No. 4 Godown of the H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 78 kegs of wire nails and 6 kegs two ends pointed wire nails, 2.15 p.m.

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Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situated in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

February 2—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, City Hall, 12.15 p.m.

February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 9—Annual meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 29—Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Although H. W. Taylor has captained the South African cricket team from the season 1913-14, it is possible that he will be relieved of the responsibility at his own request. H. G. Deane, the Transvaal captain, and R. H. Catterall, captain of Natal, have been mentioned as likely to succeed him.

Now that the University Association match is over, Chelsea will in all probability have the services of R. G. Jenkins, the Dark Blues' inside or outside right, although in the Cup-ties it is likely that he will prefer to assist the Corinthians.

The following events will take place at the Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Queen's Buildings, next week:—

Sunday, January 29, a Musical Evening commencing at 7.30 p.m.;

Tuesday, January 31, a Sing Song commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 1, Whist Drive commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Thursday, February 2, an Impromptu Dance commencing at 7.30 p.m.; Friday, February 3, a Concert and Dance commencing at 7.30 p.m. All service men are heartily invited.

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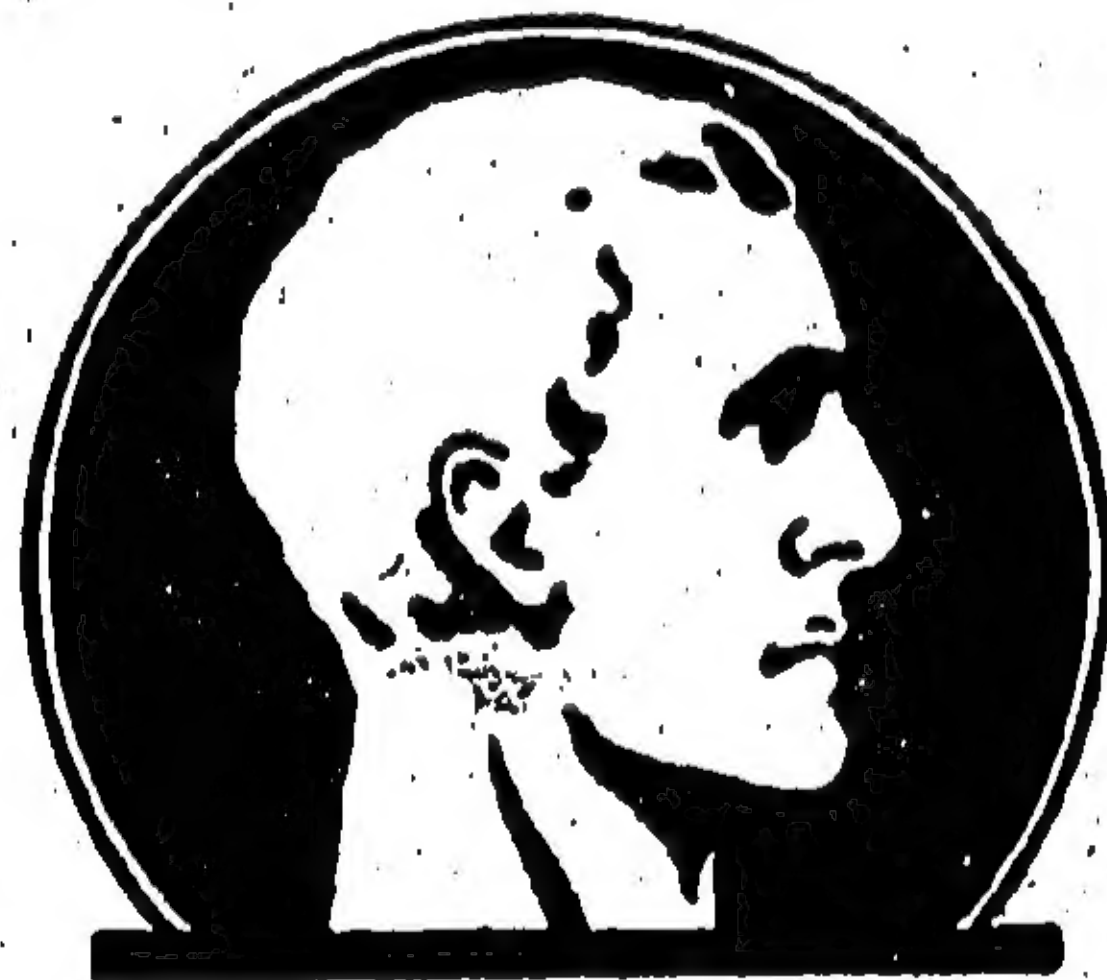
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Mr. James McNeill, the newly ap-  
pointed Governor-General of the  
Irish Free State.Mr. George Bonar, jute manu-  
facturer, of Dundee, has given  
£16,000 to establish a commercial  
college in Dundee.The funeral took place last week  
of Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. J. W.  
Jones, of the Straits Trading Com-  
pany, Limited, Singapore.It is reported from Lisbon that  
General Ivens Ferraz succeeds the  
late Commander Joao Belo as Por-  
tuguese Minister of the Colonies.Mr. H. W. Morgan, of Messrs.  
Harrisons, Barker, Kuala Lumpur,  
who recently underwent an opera-  
tion in Singapore, has gone to  
Brastagi.Eighteen funeral urns contain-  
ing cremated human remains be-  
lieved to belong to the Bronze or  
Iron Age have been found near  
Romsey, Hampshire.It was announced at the 82nd  
festival of the Royal Commercial  
Travellers' Schools, Finner, that  
the total of the festival subscrip-  
tion list was £24,546.The Swedish steamer "Asia"  
(10,960 tons) was sunk in a col-  
lision off May Island in the Firth  
of Forth, with the Leith steamer  
"Breslau" (1,366 tons) all her crew  
of 19 being saved.Mr. C. F. Hewett (Sungei  
Wangi), Mr. and Mrs. E. W.  
Josselyn (Suffolk), Mr. W. Eagle  
Bott and Mr. and Mrs. W. Eaton  
(Walbrook estate) have recently  
returned to the Lumut district from  
Home leave.The Southern Railway Company  
were fined 40s. and costs at the  
Mansion House for selling milk  
at the refreshment buffet at  
Cannon Street Station, E.C.,  
which was adulterated with 11 per  
cent. of added water.Mr. Harry Macdonald, who was  
formerly very well known in  
Bangkok business circles, but who  
has recently joined N. V. General  
Motors, Ltd. (in Java), has been  
motoring up from Singapore on a  
business visit, and left by car for  
Singapore.John Harvey, the Welsh member  
of the French Foreign Legion  
whose sentence of eight years im-  
prisonment for desertion was re-  
mitted at the request of the British  
Government, has been instructed to  
rejoin his regiment to complete his  
term of service.The British Motor Manufactur-  
ers' Association intends to spend a  
large sum in the next few months  
on advertising British cars in New  
Zealand, where sales of foreign  
cars are dropping considerably, and  
local dealers will contribute a simi-  
lar amount for co-operative cam-  
paign.A young military student trav-  
elling in a sleeper by the Mel-  
bourne express dreamt he was in  
the wrong train and jumped out  
while the train was running at 25  
miles an hour. When he was  
awakened by the fall he saw the  
lights of a station and walked  
there, asking the stationmaster to  
arrange for his catching the next  
train to Adelaide.The case in which the Union  
Textile Syndicate of the U.S.S.R.  
was sued by its former manager,  
P. Nosoff, for three months salary  
and travelling expenses from Tien-  
tsin to Shanghai amounting to  
\$1,460, was withdrawn in the Pro-  
visional Court, plaintiff stating  
that a compromise had been ar-  
rived at whereby he would be  
paid \$620 in full settlement of his  
claim and he would pay the costs.  
Dr. F. Wilhelm, who appeared for  
defendants, confirmed this.Last week's mail from India  
brought the news that Rao  
Bahadur D. Arulandam Pillai,  
former Government of India Agent  
in Malaya, is likely to be nomi-  
nated as the Indian Christian mem-  
ber of the Madras Legislative  
Assembly in succession to Pro-  
fessor M. R. S. Srinivasan, who is  
making up the Principalship of the  
Law College, Madras—a Govern-  
ment appointment. The Rao  
Bahadur's many friends in Malaya  
sincerely hope that there is sub-  
stance behind this rumour.—"M.T."In the Shanghai Provisional  
Court, Judge John C. H. Wu made  
reference to the appearance of  
foreign legal practitioners and re-  
marked that, at a recent meeting  
of Judges, it was decided that  
lawyers who did not enjoy extra-  
territorial rights and who were  
within the jurisdiction of the  
Court, as well as Chinese practi-  
tioners, could appear in all cases,  
purely Chinese cases included.  
The privilege of appearing in pure-  
ly Chinese cases was limited to  
these and it could not be enjoyed  
by foreign lawyers who were  
citizens of countries not amenable  
to the Court.Tor Bay, Devon, is enjoying a re-  
markable spring season.Fifty ounces of cocaine were se-  
ized on board the "Seang Bee" on  
arrival at Singapore from China.Among the eleven deacons or  
dained in Liverpool Cathedral was  
Mr. Arthur Herbert Procter, V.C.The annual meeting of the Hong  
Kong Benevolent Society will take  
place at the City Hall on February  
2 at 12.15 p.m.Master N. Bojesen, the 11-year-  
old Danish schoolboy who was so  
seriously hurt when getting off a  
Shanghai tramcar has succumbed  
to his injuries.The body recovered from the  
cliffs at Beachy Head has been  
identified as that of Miss  
Ethel Wiltshire Bincker, aged 49,  
of Overhill Road, Dulwich, S.E., a  
secretary, who had been missing  
since December 10.When the s.s. "Talamba" arriv-  
ed here from Calcutta and Straits  
ports yesterday she brought a new  
battalion of Indian troops, namely  
the 3/16th Punjab Regiment, This  
Regiment is commanded by Lieut-  
Col. H. T. C. Ivens, and there are  
ten British officers, 17 Indian offi-  
cers, and 883 men.Mr. W. S. Morrison, a barrister,  
who in 1923 and 1924 unsuccessfully  
contested the Western Isles divi-  
sion of Inverness-shire, has been  
chosen as prospective Conservative  
candidate for the Cirencester and  
Tewkesbury division of Gloucester-  
shire, in place of Sir Thomas  
Davies, who will not seek re-elec-  
tion.Chang Tso-lin, former shep-  
herd boy and now China's most  
powerful war-lord.Evan Lloyd, aged 28, of Osborne-  
terrace, Clapham, S.W., was knock-  
ed down and killed by a motor-car  
in Park-lane, near Stanhope-gate,  
W. A car alleged to have caused  
the accident was found in a garage  
in Winchester-hill, N. The driver,  
Clifford Lewis, of New South-gate,  
N., who is alleged to have made a  
statement, was charged with man-  
slaughter.Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of  
the Straits Settlements, accom-  
panied by Lady Clifford, is to ar-  
rive in Bangkok on February 6, and  
leave on February 12 for Saigon,  
travelling overland. An elaborate  
programme has been arranged,  
including a trip to Ayuthia, the an-  
cient capital of Siam. On the way  
up a night will be spent at Hua  
Hin. On February 7 the Governor  
will be received by the King.The attention of cinema-goers is  
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Theatre on Monday next, January  
30. A special booking counter has  
been opened in the lobby of the  
Queen's Theatre, where seats for  
the dress circle and back stalls  
may now be reserved for the entire  
season.A tea party was given at Messrs.  
Lane, Crawford's Restaurant yester-  
day by Khan Sahib Inspector  
Nawab Khan and Sardar Sahib  
Inspector Mohinder Singh, of the  
Hong Kong Police, in commemora-  
tion of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,  
Captain Superintendent of Police,  
obtaining the K.C.M.G. The guests  
included:—The Hon. Sir Shou-son  
and Lady Chow, Sir Henry Gollan,  
Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. Justice  
J. R. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Hon.  
Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. and Mrs.  
T. H. King, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse,  
C. I. E. and Mrs. Wodehouse, Mr.  
and Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. W. Franks, The Hon. Mr.  
D. W. Trautman and Mrs. Trautman,  
Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy, Mr. R. E.  
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tine, Mr. W. Schofield, Dr. S. W.  
Tao, Dr. Samy, Capt. Kennedy, Dr.  
J. T. Smalley, Dr. G. H. Thomas,  
Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. E. W.  
Hamilton, Mr. L. H. C. Calthorpe,  
Mr. W. B. Scott, and Mr. F. Mow  
Fung.Mr. H. Somerville, Director of  
Mansfield & Co., Singapore, arrived  
in Penang by the s.s. "Patroclus" on  
a visit of inspection.Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth  
and Co., Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne,  
are to build an oil-tanker for the  
Anglo-Saxon Oil Company.Dr. R. S. Thatcher, music master  
of Charterhouse, has been appoint-  
ed director of music at Harrow, in  
succession to Dr. Percy Buck.The portrait by William Owen  
of James Townley, exhibited at  
the Royal Academy in 1799,  
realised £483 at Messrs. Christie's.The body of a four-days-old child  
who had been strangled with a  
piece of string, was found in a suit-  
case which had been left under a  
writing shelf in the Sydney General  
Post Office.William Benley, a ganger of 19  
Hanbury Street, Watford, and W.  
Chandler, a platelayer, of 82,  
Neal Street, Watford, were run  
over and killed by an electric train  
at Watford.Frederick John Branscombe,  
aged 22, of Raymouth Road,  
Rotherhithe, a film operator, whose  
motor-cycle crashed into a wall at  
Lewisham, died in hospital from a  
fractured skull.The poll of the Liverpool Cotton  
Association resulted in a majority  
for favour of the proposal that  
mills with floating charges on  
their assets should pay cash be-  
fore delivery, 233 voting in favour  
and 137 against.Earl Egbert Everden Hughes,  
aged 61, of High Street, Sydenham,  
was sentenced at Bow Street to  
two months' hard labour for being  
drunk in charge of a taxicab,  
which overturned in Parliament-  
square, the six occupants being  
injured.The King has approved the fol-  
lowing appointments:—Vice Ad-  
miral William Fisher to be Lord  
Commissioner of the Admiralty and  
Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff in  
succession to Vice Admiral Vernon  
Haggard, to be Lord Commissioner  
of the Admiralty and Chief of Sup-  
plies and Transport in succession  
to Vice Admiral Fisher.The skeleton of a woman with  
the skull smashed in was found  
beneath some leafless bushes in a  
wood at Hollington, near Hastings,  
by two brothers, William Lee and  
Albert Lee, of Hollington. A set  
of false teeth lay near. The con-  
dition of the skeleton indicates  
that it had probably been lying  
there for some months. The wood,  
which is near a picturesque church  
known as the Church in the Wood,  
is a favourite resort of visitors in  
summer.It is expected that about ten  
Shanghai Chinese banks which  
closed at the end of the Chinese  
financial year will not re-open for  
business after the holidays. Their  
decision to remain closed is partly  
due, it is reported, to the demands  
made upon them by the Nationalist  
Government and partly to the dull  
state of business. Although some  
of these banks commenced with a  
capital of \$30,000, they are now  
being asked to pay this sum as a  
contribution to the Nationalist  
Government in one instalment.The Hon. Mr. H. Fairburn,  
Inspector-General of Police, re-  
turned to Singapore by the  
"Hakusan Maru" after a visit to  
Hong Kong and Shanghai. Mr.  
Fairburn's visit was mainly in con-  
nection with police matters, but  
he also found time to see some-  
thing of the methods of traffic con-  
trol used in Shanghai. The traffic  
situation in that city is much more  
serious than it is in Singapore,  
where the roads are wider and the  
pedestrian and vehicular traffic  
not as dense as it is in Shanghai.In the Provisional Court of Ap-  
peals, judgment was rendered in  
connection with the appeal of a  
German named Teppers against a  
sentence imposed by the Court of  
First Instance, of a year and ten  
months imprisonment for fraudu-  
lently obtaining goods from a  
number of complainants. Judges  
Ziar (presiding), Chiu, and Tean,  
with whom sat Mr. H. E. Stevens,  
Senior Consul's Deputy, in dis-  
missing the appeal, stated that  
they could not do otherwise than  
to uphold the original decision.The marriage took place at the  
Church of the Assumption, Penang,  
the Rev. A. Devola officiating, of  
Mr. Bernard S. C. Doral, of the  
Government Posts and Tele-  
graphs, son of the late Mr. P. R.  
A. Doral and Mrs. Doral, with  
Miss Matilda Lilian Lesslar,  
only daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. J. Lesslar. The bride,  
who had Miss Freeman as  
bridesmaid, was given away by her  
father. Dr. H. A. Phipps was  
bestman. After the ceremony a  
reception was held at the Eurasian  
Volunteer Club, where the custom-  
ary toasts were duly pledged and  
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the only item of interest from that centre during the past few  
days has been the report of the capture of 30 Communists near  
the city on New Year Eve. These were promptly shot.In the North Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang and his troops are  
moving towards the capital, but are at least some 300 miles  
from this objective. There has been some fighting, an account  
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## SPORTS

## HOCKEY.

## LOCALS DEFEAT MACAO VISITORS.

A team from the Macao Hockey Club met the Hong Kong University on the latter's ground yesterday evening and were defeated by four goals to two. Pedraia scored both goals for the Macao team while those for the University were obtained by Lam (2), Loke 1, and Enok 1.

## Teams:

Macao:—P. Leite, R. R. Todd, G. B. Slipper, J. B. Delgado, F. da Costa (captain), E. C. Adkins, A. A. Mello, F. Tinolo, F. Ramalho, A. C. Pedraia, and F. Plato.

Hong Kong:—E. L. Tan, G. S. Sculley, A. A. Rumjahn, P. C. Lim, K. T. Loke (captain), Y. C. Teh, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gran, C. K. Ong, C. W. Lam, and V. Enok.

## Recreio Playing Macao.

The following will represent Club de Recreio in a friendly hockey match against the Macao Hockey Club at King's Park ground on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.:

H. M. Barros, L. Carvalho, D. Souza, A. A. R. Botelho, J. E. Noronha, C. Basto, C. Roza Pereira, D. Lopes, H. A. Alves, R. C. Reed, J. A. de V. Soares.

Reserves:—H. Botelho, P. M. N. da Silva.

## CLUB AND ARTILLERY.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI on the Club ground at King's Park on Tuesday, January 31, at 5 p.m. sharp:—F. S. Nicholls, L. A. R. Duncan (captain), L. F. Nicholson, W. R. Greenhalgh, Rev. J. P. Murray, Rev. N. Evans, R. R. Todd, A. C. Howell, R. K. Valentine, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom, W. A. Nowers.

## UNIVERSITY FIXTURES.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a friendly match against the C.S.C.G. 2nd XI on Saturday, at 2 p.m. on the Home ground:—A. Baker (captain), W. M. Gittins, Dr. M. B. Osman, B. N. Sudan, A. B. Sulleman, K. T. Loke, S. B. Kermani,

## LOCAL DERBY.

## LATEST PRICES ON BIG EVENT.

Following are to-day's prices on ponies entered for the Hong Kong Derby, to be run on February 14:—

10/1. Peck.  
15/1. Pickle.  
33/1. Harlene.  
20/1. Movanager.  
50/1. U Un II.  
20/1. Blackstone Hall.  
25/1. Guild Hall.  
25/1. Manor Hall.  
33/1. Duke of Verona.  
12/1. Young Pretender.  
4/1. Hair Apparent.  
100/15. Bakers Bay.  
22/1. Coos Bay.  
100/16. Deepwater Bay.  
25/1. Monterey Bay.  
20/1. Comrade.  
12/1. Captain.  
8/1. Boxing Eve.  
25/1. Mish Mish.  
8/1. November.  
25/1. Handsome Stag.  
9/1. Winsome Stag.

## YACHTING.

To-day is reserved for a re-sail, or other race for the racing classes. To-morrow, according to the programme, the Cruisers are down to sail their 4th Championship race, the course being:—Datum Rock (S), Mark in Discovery Bay (S), Mark on Club Line (P), Channel Rocks (S). Distance: 22.3 miles.

Swansea Town are still receiving substantial offers for the transfer of Lewis, their Welsh international centre forward. It is reported that he will leave the Welsh club after the conclusion of their Cup-ties.

A. Chan Fook, S. F. Chen, A. T. Lee, H. T. Barma.

The following will represent the University "B" Team in a friendly match against the Club de Recreio "B" Team on Sunday, at 2 p.m. on the Home ground:—A. Baker (captain), A. B. Sulleman, A. A. Aziz, S. F. Chen, B. H. Schroter, N. P. Karanjia, G. E. Yeoh, F. Hosheim, A. Rodrigues, H. T. Barma, A. N. Other.

## INTERPORT GOLF.

## HONG KONG SURPRISES SHANGHAI.

## LOCALS LEADING.

The result of yesterday's four-ball games between Shanghai and Hong Kong was as follows:—

T. D. E. Pendered and L. G. S. Dodwell lost to M. W. Budd and A. R. Blinks, 10 and 9.  
Capt. F. D. Erskine and Capt. H. F. Bloxham beat H. R. Malcolm and J. F. Pilcher, 3 and 2.  
L. R. Andrews and G. Murray beat K. M. Cumming and A. V. Pettitt, 9 and 7.

The points up to date are:—  
Hong Kong (two matches) 8 points, Shanghai (one match) 2 points, Manila (one match) 2 points.

To-day the two visiting teams (Shanghai and Manila) play off singles and fourball games.

Falling Times.  
The following starting times have been drawn for the old course at Fanning on Sunday.

9.24 a.m., T. Low, S. T. Butlin.  
9.28 a.m., W. Ironside, J. D. Crawford.  
9.32 a.m., A. Nicol, N. K. Littlejohn.  
9.36 a.m., H. G. Hegarty, T. G. Weall.  
9.40 a.m., W. K. Tait, R. A. Mason.  
9.44 a.m., J. Coulthart, J. Cameron.  
9.48 a.m., A. Sommerfelt, H. R. Forsyth.  
9.52 a.m., B. D. Evans, S. Abraham.  
9.56 a.m., A. D. Humphreys, A. O. Brawn.

10.00 a.m., A. Leach, A. B. Purves.  
10.04 a.m., A. E. Lissaman, D. Forbes.  
10.08 a.m., J. P. Sherry, C. Mycock.  
10.12 a.m., E. R. Hallifax, E. D. Matthews.  
10.16 a.m., W. A. Butterfield, J. W. Alabaster.  
10.20 a.m., H. R. Sturt, J. Bentley.  
10.24 a.m., W. L. Dunbar, F. A. Redmond.  
10.28 a.m., S. A. Arthur, H. Spicer.  
10.32 a.m., E. Stone, G. E. Costello.  
10.36 a.m., T. Ramsay, F. Taylor.  
10.40 a.m., A. R. Cox, D. M. Goodall.  
10.44 a.m., W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.

(Continued on Next Column.)

## SCOTT AGGRIEVED.

## COMPLAINT ABOUT U. S. REFEREES.

## TO TRY AGAIN.

London, January 7.  
Charges of unfairness against American referees were laid by Phil Scott shortly after returning from his United States tour.

"Unless you knock a man out or beat him outside his own town you have little chance of getting the verdict," he alleged.

Scott claimed that he won every round of his fight against Johnny Risko, and declared that the ringside reporters and radio announcers upheld his opinion, but the referee gave him a raw deal. He hopes to meet Risko again when he returns to the United States in the spring.

He admitted that Knute Hansen caught him napping. He did not think that Hansen would start off with such a terrific rush. Scott warned British boxers that they must learn to step straight in from the first bell, if they want to get anywhere against Americans.

"We have been trained to be too slow," he declared. "Boxing always counts, but we have to be ready to meet the Americans half way."

Monte Hunn was beaten only very narrowly by Hansen, whereas I won all the way and practically knocked Munn out. I should like to meet Hansen again and I see no reason why I should not beat the best of them."

The American sporting public are good friends of Scott. He declared that all the jeering that he received after his fight with Hansen was for publicity purposes, and that the American people took it for what it was worth.—United Press.

C. C. Daere, the New Zealand cricketer, who has received permission from the New Zealand Cricket Association to qualify for Gloucestershire, will leave for England in March.

Clapton Orient are giving a trial to Peperill, the Mid-Rhonda and former Cardiff Corinthians inside left, who has shown outstanding form in the Southern League. He is only 21 years of age.

10.48 a.m., A. E. Ellams, C. B. Brown.  
10.52 a.m., R. M. Finlayson, W. D. Brown.  
10.56 a.m., E. P. Fletcher, W. C. Barber.

## EXCHANGE.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Bank on demand ..... 2/- 3/10  
Bank 30 days' sight ..... 2/- 3/8  
Bank 4 months' sight ..... 2/- 3/8  
Credits 4 months' sight ..... 2/1 1/8  
Documentary 4 months' sight ..... 2/1 1/8

On Paris—  
On demand ..... 1245  
Credits 4 months' sight ..... 1320

On Berlin—  
On demand ..... —  
On New York—  
On demand ..... 49 1/2  
Credits 60 days' sight ..... 50 3/4

On Bombay—  
Wire ..... 133 1/2  
On demand ..... 133 1/2

On Calcutta—  
Wire ..... 133 1/2  
On demand ..... 133 1/2

On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 86

On Manila—  
On demand ..... 98 1/2

On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... nom.  
30 days' sight (private paper) ..... —

On Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 104 1/2  
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per ton) ..... —

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... .60  
Silver (per oz.) ..... .26 1/2

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Chinese Copper Cash nom.  
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.

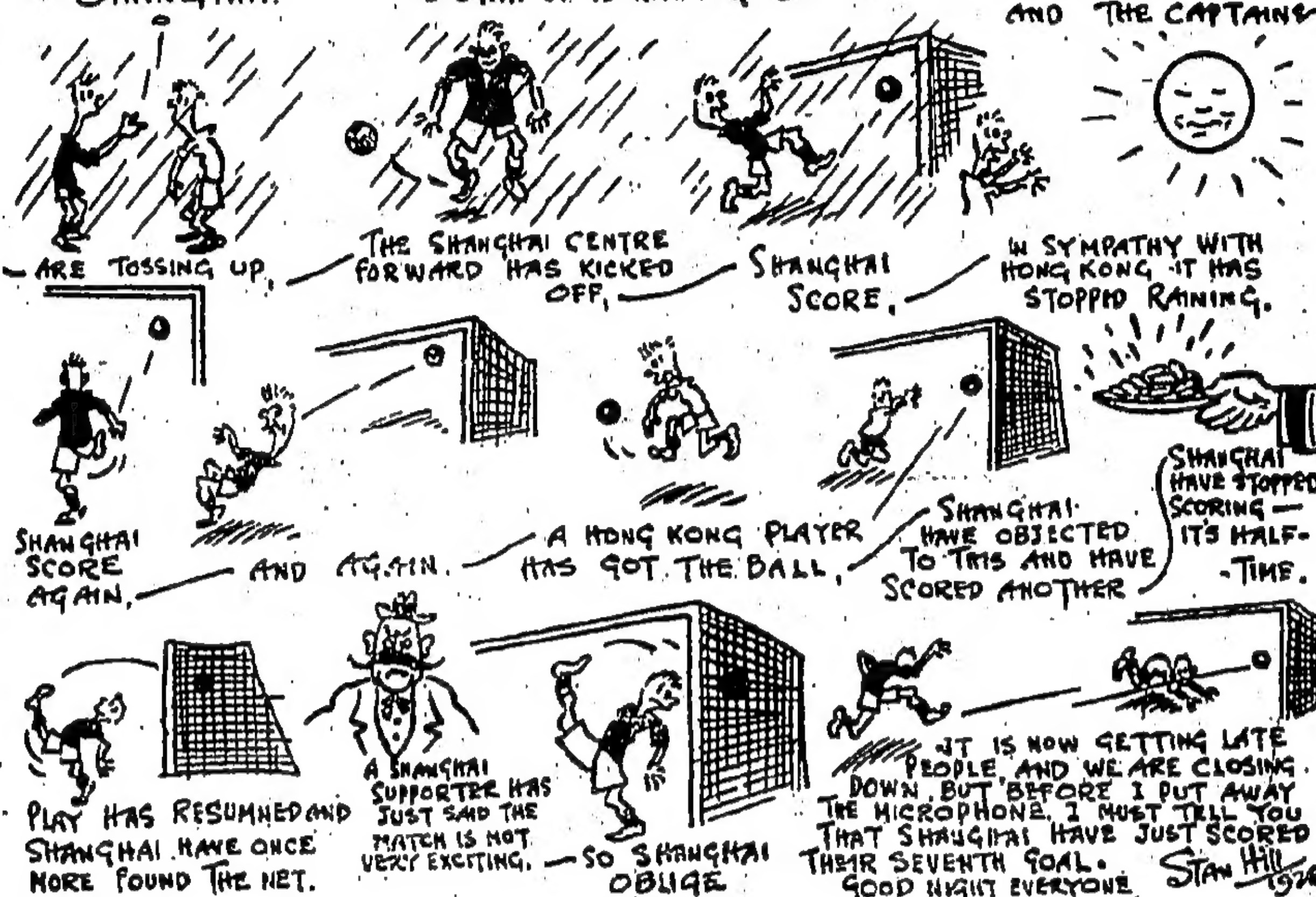
Rate of Native Interest ..... 7% p.a.  
Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 27 1/2% dis.  
Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday,  
Paris ..... 124  
New York ..... 4.87 9/32  
Brussels ..... 34.99  
Geneva ..... 25.31  
Amsterdam ..... 12.08 1/2  
Milan ..... 92.05  
Berlin ..... 20.45  
Stockholm ..... 18.17  
Copenhagen ..... 18.20  
Oslo ..... 18.31 1/2  
Vienna ..... 54.57 1/2  
Prague ..... 184 1/2  
Helsingfors ..... 193 1/2  
Madrid ..... 23.75 1/2  
Lisbon ..... 2.23 3/4  
Athens ..... 367 1/2  
Bucharest ..... 790  
Rio ..... 5 29/32  
Buenos Aires ..... 47 29/32  
Bombay ..... 1/6 1/16  
Shanghai ..... 2/7  
Hong Kong ..... 2/0 1/2  
Yokohama ..... 1/11 5/64  
Silver Spot ..... 26 1/2  
Silver Forward ..... 26  
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# MOTURING SECTION

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

"R.T.G."—"During the last three weeks my car has developed the habit of boiling badly if I do even a small run at thirty miles an hour, or a bit of a pull in second gear. I have been all over the engine and transmission, and can see nothing wrong; everything seems to be running freely, and the engine is not at all still; in fact, it is still as snappy as it was when new. I have tried flushing out the water-jackets, have checked the fan belt; in short, I have done everything that could possibly be done, yet the 'bus still persists in boiling. A peculiar thing about the whole thing is that the trouble started immediately after I had the car painted."

Assuming that the carburettor and ignition are adjusted correctly, the probable cause of the trouble is that you have a stoppage in the cooling system somewhere. It is quite likely that a portion of the inside coating of the hose connections has come adrift and floated down into one of the water passages, thus preventing the free flow of water. If the radiator honeycomb has been painted, it is quite possible that a surplus of paint has been put on the surface. This would have the effect of insulating the cooling surfaces, and would destroy the radiation properties of the honeycomb. Should this prove to be the case a strong solution of lye will effectively remove all the paint, and restore the radiator to its original usefulness.

"V.A.C."—"Is there any special type of vacuum tank for a Studebaker 1924 light six car? Some time ago I had the misfortune to damage the one that was originally fitted to the car, and ever since fitting the new one I have had trouble with the feed. I have carefully checked over the pipe lines, and as far as I can see the tank itself seems to be in perfect order. The trouble seems to come on when the engine has warmed up, or when it is on a steep pull with a wide open throttle."

Any standard size of tank would be suitable for the car you mention. Although there are several models of vacuum tanks, they are not entirely dependent on their size for the amount of petrol that they feed into the engine. This is controlled by the suction of the engine itself. Providing that all the joints to the tank and in the pipe line are airtight, the only possibility of a stoppage would be through having the tank set a little too low on the dashboard, or due to a very sharp bend in the pipe line, causing a partial stoppage of the petrol. To check up on this run the car to a slight grade, or on to a place where a previous stoppage has occurred. Remove the cover of the float chamber of the carburettor, and take out the float. If the tank is in the right position the petrol should come into the bowl without difficulty, and should quickly overflow the chamber. If it will not do this it is evident that the tank is set too low. If the flow is very free and both the tank and pipe appear to be in order, the trouble may be due to a sticking float. This condition can be checked by removing the float while the engine is running, and regulating the flow of petrol to the carburettor, so that it does not overflow the bowl. Run the car, in this condition, over some ground that has previously caused trouble. If the engine does not stall, and the petrol supply is good, it will indicate that the trouble is in the float.

"Oida."—"I have a 1926 model car that has started to give trouble lately. While on a trip the other day, the engine suddenly petered out. I examined the petrol level, and checked over the ignition by breaking the primary circuit by hand, and everything seemed to be in order. I was able to start the car again after about five minutes, but ever since

that time it has been hard to start and misses badly, especially at speeds over 25 miles an hour. I have checked over the plugs, and have been gone to the trouble of putting in a new set. The carburettor has been thoroughly cleaned. It is a Zenith fixed jet, so that the mixture cannot have been altered in any way. The car has done a little over 10,000 miles, and was decarbonised quite recently. Compression is good on all cylinders."

The trouble certainly seems to be in the ignition, and is probably caused by a worn make-and-break cam. On the rocker arm of the make-and-break there is a little fibre bearing piece or cam that engages on the timing cam and causes the points to open and close. Should this become worn the distance between the points, when open will gradually become less and less until they reach the stage when they do not open sufficiently to cause a break in the primary circuit. To overcome this there is an adjustment on the points themselves. This should be slackened back until the points, when operating, open to a little over a fiftieth of an inch.

G.H.J.—"After adjusting the clutch on my 1924 car a loud ticking comes from this part when the engine is running idle or along the road. This tick stops when I press the clutch pedal slightly, but to set back the pedal to the point where the ticking stops the clutch slips. What is the cause of this ticking, and is it likely to damage any part of the clutch mechanism?"

The ticking is most likely caused through the thrust block becoming worn, thus allowing it to contact with some of the moving parts of the clutch. This is not in any way detrimental to the working of the clutch. The only way to get over the trouble is to have the block reshaped. To prevent a recurrence of the trouble it is advisable to keep this block well greased by means of the alemite nipple that is fitted to it.

J.R.S.—"The lights on my car have been getting very dim lately, and even when the car is on the road and the generator is charging they are not nearly as bright as they should be. The battery terminals are all quite tight, and, as the battery will turn over the starter, even on a cold morning, it seems hardly likely that it is the cause of the trouble. I have tightened up all the screws at the back of the switch, but they seem to have made very little difference. Is it possible to rectify this trouble, or will I have to have the system rewired?"

Quite likely the dimness is caused by dirty or loose connections in the fuses, or even at the backs of the lamps themselves. After a long period of service these parts get somewhat corroded, and it is necessary to thoroughly clean them. The fuse clips, fuse, and the terminals that contact with the backs of the lamps should have special attention, as even the slightest corrosion will dim the lights on such a low-pressure system as that employed in a car.

B.L.R.—"The battery on my model 90 Overland is getting in such a condition that it will hardly turn over the starter, and I am thinking of replacing it, and using the old one for duty on my radio set. Do you think that I would be able to do this job without an overhaul? Would it be advantageous to fit a larger battery in my car? The present battery is the stock battery supplied with the car, and is, I think, a lightweight eight-ampere-hour capacity. Is it worth the difference in price to fit a heavy-duty battery of a little higher capacity?"

The old battery should take over the work of the radio set without

## MOTOR ROADS.

THEIR POSSIBILITIES IN CHINA.

CANTON EXPERIMENTS.

Mr. E. V. D. Parr, a former member of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Hong Kong, who now resides at Rusthall Cottage, Tunbridge Wells, writes to "The Times" suggesting the vast possibilities of motor roads in China if the military commanders were to use their soldiers in making them. The idea is not new; actually, several of the Tsuchuns have given the plan a trial. Their motives may not, of course, have been disinterested, and certainly from reports which have appeared from time to time, the results have not been very promising.

Where there is a will, however, there is generally a way, even in China, and Mr. Parr mentions an interesting example of what can be done. A few years before the present troubles began some 50 miles of motor roads were built in and around Canton in the short space of some two years, where there had previously been mostly only wheelbarrow tracks. He might have added that Canton itself, a city once famous for its congested streets no wider than an ordinary passage-way, became in a few years under the same regime largely a city of wide, tree-lined boulevards with motor-cars flying back and forth and slow-moving traffic, such as rickshaws, chairs and trucks, confined to their proper place at the sides. The Canton of to-day is as different as chalk from cheese from the Canton of twenty years ago.

## EFFECTIVE POSTERS.

SAFETY FIRST  
 SLOGANS.

In order to bring home to pedestrians the necessity for exercising the utmost care in crossing busy thoroughfares, the Edinburgh Safety First Council are issuing a number of effective posters, which by reason of their novel appeal will, it is hoped, assist in the "Safety First" campaign which the Council have in hand.

One of these depicts an old Irishman, complete with clay pipe and shillelagh, and bears the "bull"—"It's better to be careful for folve minutes than be a dead man all your life." Another poster advises "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Slogans of a similar nature are to be advertised weekly in the newspapers, theatre, and football programmes.

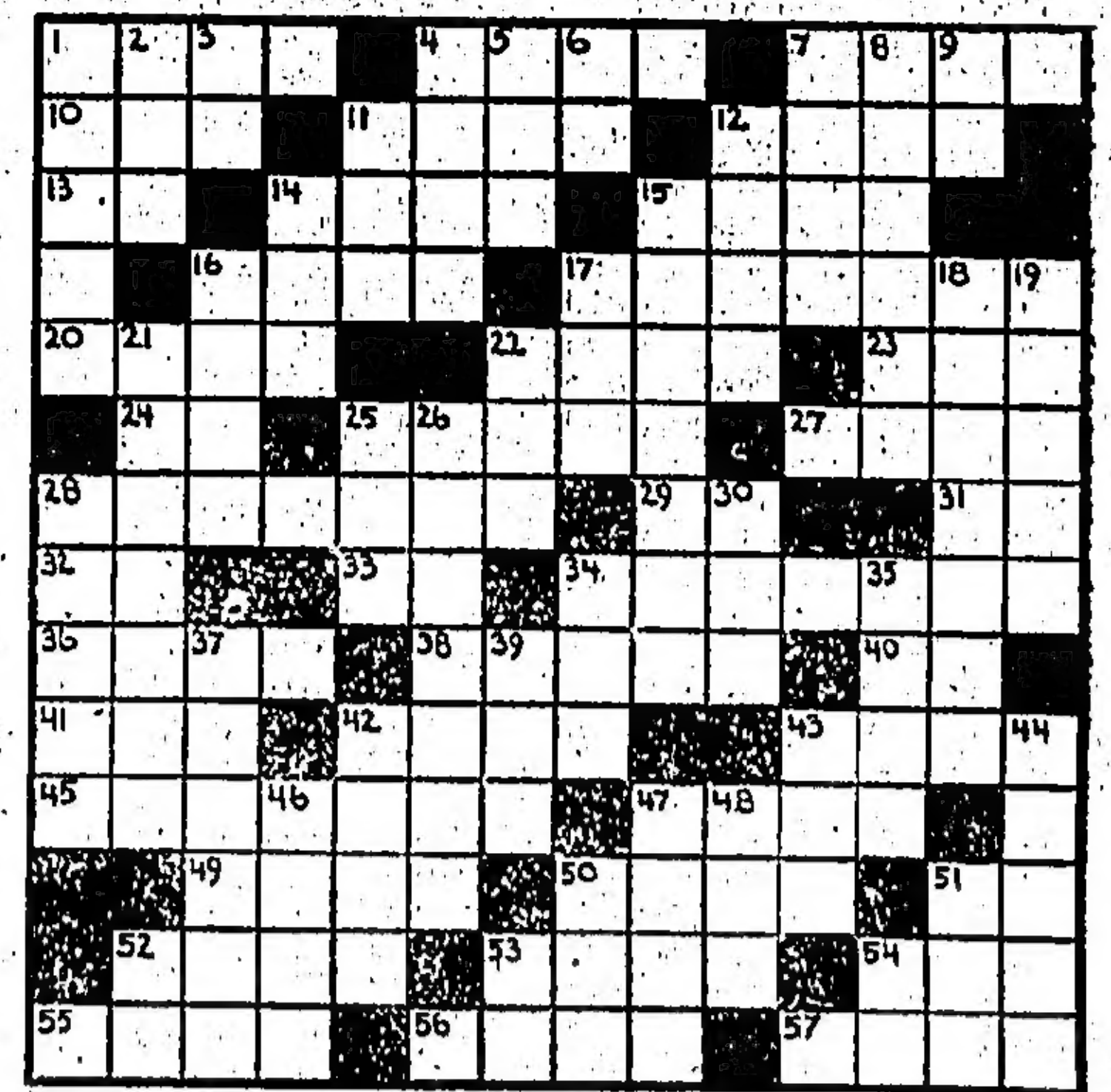
America, of course, is the pioneer country in the matter of slogans, and the latest departure in notices to motorists is the "death sign," which has appeared in the streets of Greater Boston. This consists of a large black panel on which these words appear:—"Autos Killed Here." In the space is inserted the number of deaths for which "autos" are responsible. The "death sign" is further emphasised by the large white cross which surmounts the inscription.

The Edinburgh Safety First Council are evidently taking their work seriously, and while one commends their efforts on behalf of pedestrians, it is to be hoped that, concurrently, motorists will also lend an ear to their propaganda for the preservation of human life.

any trouble. Should you find that it will not hold the charge for any length of time, it would perhaps be advisable to have it cleaned out at a service station. This should cost only a few shillings. By all means get the heavy-duty battery. It will last longer, and, due to its larger capacity, will be able to swing the engine over at a faster rate, which makes for easier starting, with a consequent less drain on current.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



### HORIZONTAL

1-A shellfish  
 4-Lament  
 7-Fungous disease of grain  
 10-Pork  
 11-Homless wanderer  
 12-Band  
 13-Prefix meaning out of  
 14-Cultivated area  
 16-Basket  
 16-Corruption  
 17-Rough, improvised beds  
 20-Eye closely  
 22-Seak  
 23-Popular name Great Lakes canal

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

36-Fine cambric  
 38-Wed  
 40-Pronoun  
 41-To grow old  
 42-Covered with deep mud  
 43-Grant  
 45-Appreciate fully  
 47-Ruin tumultuously  
 49-Well balanced mentally  
 50-Malleable  
 51-Precaution  
 52-Closely confined  
 53-Fog  
 54-Single thing  
 55-Hearty  
 56-Peaked of fasting  
 57-Burn

### VERTICAL

1-A game  
 2-Resinous substance  
 3-Part of verb "to be"  
 4-Exorcism  
 5-Aspiration  
 6-Conjunction  
 7-Stain  
 8-Interfere with  
 9-Rise from bed

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

11-Conflict  
 12-Stop  
 14-Winnow, as grain  
 15-Wild animal  
 16-Sheet of glass  
 17-Play upon words  
 18-Browned  
 19-Varieties  
 21-Charge for hauling  
 22-Hasten  
 25-Corpulent  
 28-Spray  
 29-Pertaining to hair  
 30-Layer  
 34-Bar used as lever  
 35-Water jug  
 37-Small carnivorous animal  
 39-Part of verb "to be"  
 40-Place of coining  
 43-Cleave  
 44-Processed within  
 46-Narrow roadway  
 47-Situation  
 48-Frequently  
 50-Evil act  
 51-Collection of sayings  
 52-Keystone State (abbr.)  
 53-Pronoun  
 54-Exclamation

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES  
 Start out by filling in the words which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## CAR RACING.

ENTHUSIASM AT NEW LEVELS.

Glancing back over 1927, the unofficial historians of the automotive industry are finding that the revival of interest in stock car racing has distinct importance to the entire motor world.

Perhaps no single year since the birth of the industry has been so filled with stock car speed and endurance events. Certainly stock cars have never attained such high speeds for such long periods of time before. Enthusiasm among the rank and file of motorists has risen to new levels.

The average motorist takes keen delight in watching stock cars—similar to cars he may buy in any showroom—go out on the track and make new records. Any owner feels a thrill of pride when the exact duplicate of his car wins a race or an endurance victory over cars of similar price.

Strangely enough Studebaker, while extremely active during the year in stock car events, is not interested in mere cups and trophies, but in proving beyond all doubt the superior power, stamina, speed and endurance of its products. Studebaker does not glory in having broken records, but in establishing by racing tests of the most grueling nature the real capabilities of Studebaker cars.

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### "BONNIE SILLER."

#### PROCLAMATION OF NEW COINAGE.

GEORGE & DRAGON DESIGN.

Anthony Glyne writes in the "Weekly Scotsman":  
"Bonnie Siller's soon spendit," runs the Scottish proverb. It is an unconscionable time a-minting. At length a Royal Proclamation, coming into force on December 1 next, announces a new silver coinage. It is five years since dissatisfaction with post-war mintages culminated in the vigorous protest of Sir Charles Oman in the Commons, evoking the candid confession of the Chancellor that they were "faulty, bad in colour, and not well struck," the avowed reason being that the Mint had not "mastered the rather difficult alloy." The silver coins issued for some years before that time had been of inferior design and of a paltry fragility dishonouring the State whose symbols they bore. There have since been some improvements, but without such fulfilment of the demands of art, utility, and prestige as we are entitled to expect.

#### Mirrors of History.

Coins mirror history, fragmentarily but not infrequently with flashes that bring the student close to reality. The strength and energy of Alexander, the philosophic calmness of Antoninus, the obstinate ferocity of Nero are as plain in the contemporary portraits on their coins as in the pages of history. The story of the Byzantine solidus or bezant is the story of

quality difficult to express in words—dignity, distinction, refinement, nobility—that renders them not unworthy of our nation.

#### Bronze for Copper.

Of course, there will always be criticism of any coins of any human mint, and impracticable demands will be made. For example, in 1860 occurred a great revolution in the lowest coins, bronze being substituted for copper and the weight reduced by one-half, forty-eight instead of twenty-four pennies going to the pound. This "unconquered Queen Victoria stamp" as it was called in the official notice came five years ago of its withdrawal from circulation, had immeasurable advantages over its predecessors. The design was graceful and dignified, the colour pleasing, the resistance to wear and tear evidenced by the number of generations during which the coins remained in circulation. The penny was of convenient weight and size, easily distinguishable, and by these virtues substantially contributed to its establishment as the minimum price for many popular commodities.

But the censorious, the hypercritical were not lacking to express their detestation of the new money. Ruskin, in "Fors Clavigera," described the devices on the penny with some particularity. "Not that, except under protest, I call such a thing as that a Penny!" Farthings, when he was a boy, were as big, and twopence filled a waistcoat pocket. Who was the lady "sitting apparently on the edge of a dish-cover?" and so on. In a later letter, when referring to the St. George's Company, he would have

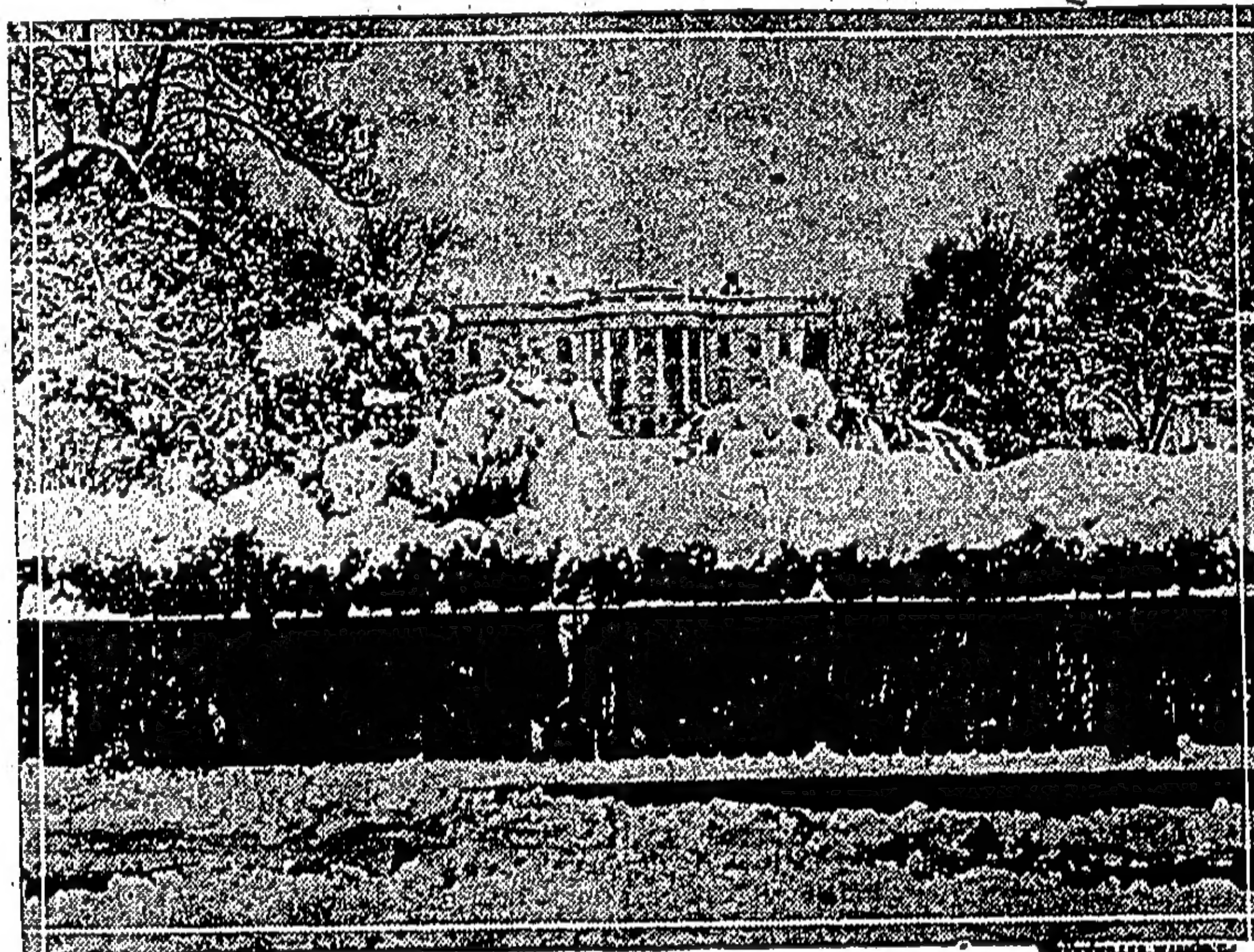
and many of us receive remuneration in guineas, more pleasing than pounds and shillings.

The pedants remind us Shylock's ducats were equivalent merely to three shillings and sixpence, but the word summons up visions of vast wealth. The Indian Currency Commission advocates that gold mohurs be coined again. The very name invokes the gorgeous East and its hoards of treasure.

#### First of the Silver Coins.

The first of our silver coins was the silver penny issued by Offa, King of Mercia, twelve hundred years ago. The silver penny alone was minted and in use for five hundred years before decadence set in, diminishing and debasing it. The monarch who introduced the gold noble and gold florin also introduced the silver groat. Silver pennies were last minted for general circulation in the days of the Merrie Monarch. Historic continuity has been maintained right up to the present time by the annual appearance of the Maundy moneys, minted specially to be bestowed as alms from the King at Westminster Abbey on Maundy Thursday. The new Proclamation continues these silver fourpences, threepences, twopences, and pennies.

After the splendid courage of Henry VII's reign, the quality of the silver money declined until it was reformed under Elizabeth. The use of the mill and screw press in coining, instead of the hand hammer, began about the middle of the sixteenth century, but not for a century was the old method superseded. A great recoinage in 1696, according to principles advocated by Locke, the philosopher, reformed the silver money of the realm. It



A view of the White House blanketed in snow as the result of the first winter weather and snow experienced by Washington.

the international commerce of the Middle Ages. The decay of France is truly indicated by the coins of King John, misnamed the Good, a spendthrift of incredible extravagance who debased the currency eighty-one times in five years. The vicissitudes of the States of medieval Italy are faithfully recorded in a motley variety of currency, and the greatness of our Tudor period in gold and silver coins of splendour, beauty, fineness, proportions that made them sought for and imitated throughout the Europe.

Admirable coins come always from a great State, great in the highest sense, and not merely materially, as mean and corrupt from a State barbarous or degenerate. That is why, while all who, whether in banks and counting-houses, or in their business or domestic affairs, have to handle them demand utility and convenience, we also demand a certain

the metallic currency to be "of absolute pure gold and silver, and of those metals only." The dear, impractical idealist was not legislating for a world he knew, still less for a world that was to develop after him.

#### When the Sovereign Was Coined.

Coins have an appeal that paper money, too often crumpled and dirty, can never have. Who can feel any emotion about a Bradbury or a Fisher per se. What charm have they? But the sovereign, which Henry VII. first gave us, as he did the shilling, was a noble and pleasant thing, a thing to honour and cherish. Our ancestors named their coins nobly. Edward III. bestowed upon his country the gold noble, indeed, and his successor added the gold angel, which took its name from St. Michael. Such was the high repute to the angel that after ceasing to circulate it was still coined to be given by the King to those whom he touched to cure "the King's evil," scrofula.

There came Rose nobles, George nobles, and from Scotland a Thistle noble. The value was about ten shillings, but a Rose noble, we would fain believe, is a far, far better thing than half a sovereign. Dollars sound well, yet not so well as dubbloons. A franc—the true franc, the coin of silver, has not fallen in worth—is a goodly thing, but a louis seems infinitely more opulent. We make our donations, pay our subscription,

was not formally reduced to the level of token currency, with gold as the sole standard, until 1816, and for more than half a century before the new coinage in that year there had been scarcely any new money issued.

It was then Piatrucci restored beauty and dignity to British currency, especially by his noble George and Dragon design. This does not appear on any of the new coins. Its employment on crown-pieces might have been continued, to render them fully worthy of an unbroken series issued under every Sovereign since Elizabeth. There have been some notable crowns, triumphs of numismatic art, since the piece was first struck in silver under Edward VI. However, the new designs, briefly described in the Proclamation, can hardly fail to be an improvement on the previous ones for shillings and sixpences.

### WEDDING UPROAR.

#### POLICE CALLED TO A REGISTER OFFICE.

Dissension broke out among a wedding party of 20 people at Lambeth Register Office, Brixton-Road, S.W., and police were summoned to restore order.

The party, including the bridegroom, aged 24, and the bride, a minor, was in a waiting-room when the disturbance arose. A woman in the party ran from the building and told a waiting taxicab driver to fetch a policeman. A register office official telephoned to Brixton Police Station, a messenger boy was sent on a cycle for a policeman, and police whistles were blown. Some officers quickly arrived.

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